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THE BENT FAMILY IN AMERICA.

BEING MAINLY A GENEALOGY

OF THE

Descendants of John Bent

WHO SETTLED IN

SUDBURY, MASS., IN 1638,

WITH NOTES UPON THE FAMILY IN ENGLAND AND ELSEWHERE.

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That Memory may their deed redeem,
When like our sires our sons are gone.
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PREFACE.

FAMILY histories are evolved slowly, notably so the Bent genealogy. The writer first became interested in the subject at the centennial of his native town in 1885. In the summer of 1888 the 250th anniversary of the arrival of the first Bent in America and the centenary of the birth of Hyman Bent, were celebrated by the descendants of the latter at the ancestral home in Fitzwilliam, N. H. For this gathering a brief account of Hyman Bent's ancestry was prepared and afterwards printed. This encouraged further research, and in the New-England Historical and Genealogical Register for July, 1894, appeared a short account of the first four generations of Bents in America. Since then many pleasant hours have been spent in the company of old books, manuscripts and memorials of bygone years, in the endeavor

> "To summon from the shadowy Past
> The forms that once have been."

The principal books containing information of the family are the History of Marlboro', Mass., by Rev. Charles Hudson 1862; the old History of Framingham, Mass., by Rev. William Barry 1847; the new History of Framingham, by Rev. Josiah H. Temple 1887; the History of Rutland, Mass., by Deacon Jonas Reed 1836; the History of Milton, Mass., by Rev. Albert K. Teele 1887; the History of Canton, Mass., by D. T. V. Huntoon 1893; the History of Fitzwilliam, N. H., by Rev. John F. Norton and Joel Whittemore 1888; the History of Paris, Me., by William B. Lapham 1884; the History of Annapolis County, N. S., by W. A. Calnek and Judge A. W. Savary 1897, and of course Savage's Genealogical Dictionary of New England, with which all good genealogical students begin their researches. Many scattered items of interest are to be found in the History of Sudbury, by Alfred S. Hudson 1889, and more about Bent's Fort, Col. William Bent and Gov. Charles

Bent is to be found in the History of the Arkansas Valley, Colorado, published by O. L. Baskin & Co. of Chicago, in 1881, the History of Colorado, by Frank Hall, The Old Santa Fé Trail, by Colonel Henry Inman 1897, the Story of New Mexico, by Horatio O. Ladd 1891, and an article by William Waldo of Texas, published by the Missouri Historical Society in 1880. Many other publications have contributed smaller but necessary items to the present volume.

One noticeable family trait that may be dwelt upon profitably is the pioneer spirit that has pervaded a large part of the family — the spirit that has been willing to brave the unknown quantity of the wilderness to make a home, the spirit of independence that is the foundation of the Republic. John Bent, who came from England in 1638, went immediately to one of the frontier towns; his sons followed the advancing frontier, and deeper and deeper still their children and children's children penetrated the outlying portions of New England. Until 1760, however, all of the family, so far as known to the writer, remained in Massachusetts. In that year the proclamation of Gov. Lawrence of Nova Scotia, opening the lands of the unfortunate Acadians, who had been transported from their homes five years previous, seems to have made some impression in New England, and several of the Bent family, including David[5] of Sudbury, Samuel[6], a native of Milton, and probably Elijah[5] and Peter[4] of Sudbury, moved to Annapolis County, N. S. Four years later Jesse[5] and John[5] of Milton located in Cumberland County, N. S., and in 1772 Joseph[5] Bent, a Plymouth fisherman, transferred his home to the Yarmouth shore. I do not find any of the family among the Royalists who sailed away in such numbers a few years later.

It was not until toward the close of the Revolutionary War that Massachusetts men began to settle in the wooded parts of northern New England. In 1780, Samuel[6] Bent of Sudbury cleared a farm in Fitzwilliam, a comparatively new town in southwestern New Hampshire. About the same time his cousin Stephen[5], also of Sudbury, moved to Dublin, N. H., not far away; and in 1797, Nathan, a brother of the latter, located farther west, in the same county, at Winchester. After the war, Vermont was rapidly taken up. The first of this family to remove thither was David[6] Bent Jr., formerly of Rutland (Mass.), who located at Mt. Holly, in the heart of the

Green Mts., in 1786. In after years three of his brothers followed, Thaddeus to Rutland about 1800, Phineas to Underhill, well to the north, in 1803, and Samuel B. to Middlebury in 1818. Another brother, Darius, went to Montreal about 1808. In 1810 Samuel Bent Jr. left his early New Hampshire home and settled in Stockbridge, Vt. In 1796 Wm.[6] Bent of Middleboro' located in Paris, Me.; in 1800 Isaac[6] Bent of Quincy moved to New Sharon, Me., and nine years later David J.[6] Bent of Sudbury transferred his home to Bangor, Me. Then the children of the early Vermonters began to overflow into northern New York, the first of this family being Peter[6] Bent (in 1801), followed a few years later by three of his brothers.

Meanwhile, two longer migrations had taken place, Lemuel[6] Bent of Canton, Mass., to Virginia, sometime before 1792, and Lieut.-Col. Silas[5] Bent of Rutland, Mass., to Ohio, with the first settlers, in 1789. In 1806 Silas[6] Bent Jr. pushed on from Ohio to St. Louis, only three years after the great territory of Louisiana had come into the hands of the United States. This branch seems to have led the family in the westward course of empire. Two of the latter's sons went to Colorado as early as 1826, and three years later Charles had reached what is now New Mexico, and established his home. About 1824 Horatio G.[7] Bent went to Georgia, thence to Alabama, and finally to Louisiana. Edward[7] Bent of Missouri was one of the earliest permanent settlers of California, and so they have spread until members of the family are or have been located in nearly every State in the Union. The list is far from being exhausted, but to prolong it here might be tiresome.

Henry Van Dyke, in one of the most charming of out-of-door books, says: "Little rivers have small responsibilities. * * * * When you set out to explore one of these minor streams in your canoe you have no intention of epoch-making discoveries, or thrilling and world-famous adventures." "It is not required of every man and woman," he adds, "to be or to do something great; most of us must content ourselves with taking small parts in the chorus." The Bent family is one of the "little rivers" of history. The historian is the canoeist. Will you accompany him in his frail bark?

ALLEN H. BENT.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 1900.

EXPLANATION.

In the arrangement of the following records the plan adopted by the New-England Historical and Genealogical Society has been followed in the main. The reader, after looking in the index for a certain name, say Josiah[6] Bent of Milton, finds the page to be, in the example chosen, 105. The italicized names in parenthesis, following his name, show his line of descent from the original American ancestor, John[1], the little index figures denoting the generation. The numbers in full-faced type against the names of his sons indicate that more is to be found about them *under* those numbers in the succeeding pages. Thus, Josiah (Jr.) is carried forward in regular order, appearing on page 203. By reversing the method the line can be traced back.

When not specified, the State is Massachusetts, unless it is plainly otherwise.

Many words not absolutely necessary in a sentence are omitted entirely.

Abbreviations: b. for born, m. for married, unm. for unmarried, and d. for died.

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INTRODUCTION.

"BENT, a plain or common, a field, a moor, so called from those places being frequently covered with bent-grass, the term is very common in early English poetry." Thus says M. A. Lower in his "English Surnames." So the name seems to be a local surname, and the first to take it lived presumably on a plain or moor. It is not inappropriate that a family which has furnished so many sturdy yeomen and pioneers should draw its name from the soil.

Surnames in England, it may be said in passing, did not become hereditary or permanent until the 11th or 12th centuries. They were derived in various ways, from baptismal names, *e.g.* Allen, Richardson, Adams; from localities, *e.g.* Bent, Bridge, Wood; from official titles, *e.g.* Lord, King; from occupations, *e.g.* Smith, Wright; and from nicknames, *e.g.* Long, Young, Brown.

Bent-grass is a stiff, wiry growth, little known in America, though one of the early nineteenth-century poets, Joseph Rodman Drake, made good use of it in his delightful imaginative poem, "The Culprit Fay." The fairy was arrayed in a cloak of butterfly wings and an acorn helmet, plumed with thistle down.

> "Swift he bestrode his fire-fly steed;
> He bared his blade of bent-grass blue;
> He drove his spurs of cockle-seed,
> And away like a glance of thought he flew."

In Scotland is a town of Bentpath, and on a branch of the North British Ry. is a station of Bents, of which the station agent says:

"This Bents is a farm and the station takes its name therefrom. In regard to the origin of the name it does not appear to have any connection with the family of Bent. On the other hand the name seems to have arisen from what was the nature of the ground some forty years ago or more. At that time the whole farm lay open and bare and would be in Scottish style, termed the bent, which means a rising ground covered with a wild wiry grass that grows in tufts and is known as bent-grass. There is a Benthead farm at Croft-head Village, two miles away, and there used to be a Kilbent farm near by. There is another Bents in Midlothian, a Bent Colliery in Lanarkshire, a Bent House in Forfarshire, and on the English Crash in Cumberland is a Whitburn Bents. Bent or Bents it is

thus seen is quite a common place name and is evidently derived from the existence of bent-grass growing near."

These places, it ought to be added, are in Southern Scotland—Anglo-Saxon Scotland—not in the Highlands or Celtic Scotland, for the name seems to be of Anglo-Saxon origin. Something similar to it appears as a personal name in most of the nations of Teutonic origin.

The van der Bent family is an old one in Holland.

In Björnstjerne Björnson's story, Synnöve Solbakken, one of the minor characters is Slave Bent. Of this the late Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen, Professor in Columbia College, wrote: "The name Bent in Synnöve Solbakken is a Christian name, not a surname. It is the Norwegian corruption of Bernt, which is again an abbreviation of Bernhardt. I have never known of its being used as a family name in any of the Scandinavian countries."

In Germany there are several names having a Bent flavoring: Bente, Bentz, Bentmann and Bentheim.

Originally taken from a place, it has not hesitated to give its name in turn to places. In Virginia there is a Bent Mountain post office. The tradition is that many years ago a man by the name of Bent tracked a buffalo from the low lands to the mountain from which the post office is named. Bent County and Bent's Fort, Colorado, are treated at length elsewhere.

The descendants of John Bent, who came to America in 1638, have made their way to nearly every state in the Union, as well as to Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Province of Quebec, British Columbia, Cuba, Australia and the Sandwich Islands; and there are still some to be found in Sudbury, Mass., where the family first settled. There are to-day several hundreds of families descended from the emigrant of 1638, the heads of the families being in most cases of the seventh and eighth generations. There are at least three of the sixth and a few of the ninth.

The first of the family to indulge in the luxury of a middle name was Ebenezer Vose[6] Bent, born in Fort Lawrence, Nova Scotia, March 3, 1771.

The oldest member of the family was Patience (Bent) Newton, who died in Southboro', Mass., in 1837, æ. nearly 96. It was originally intended to print a list of octogenarians, but it grew too long. A list of nonogenarians will be found elsewhere, however.

ENGLISH ANTECEDENTS OF AMERICAN BENTS.

In the western part of the county of Hants, or Hampshire, in the south of England, 22 or 23 miles north of "storied Southampton," and about seventy miles southwest from London, between Salisbury Plain and the South Downs, lies the little hamlet of Penton-Grafton in the parish of Weyhill. It is a small but ancient place, held originally by the Abbey of Greistain and later on by the family of Chaucer, the poet, whose granddaughter gave it to the hospital of Ewelme. Here was the ancestral home of the American Bents.* The same description that Longfellow gave to the earliest cis-Atlantic home of the family, Sudbury, is equally applicable there:

> "A region of repose it seems,
> A place of slumber and of dreams."

The country is a sort of undulating plain, delightfully green and fertile. Many of the houses, as well as the roadside walls, are covered with a heavy thatch. The little parish church, with its red-tiled roof and ivy-grown walls, in the midst of the country churchyard, is not unlike the one made famous by Gray's Elegy.

The parish records do not begin until the year 1564 (the year Shakspere was born), and the name of Bent is found on the first page, "Ede Bent filia Joannis bēt baptizata est xvj° Septembris 1564." At "venerable Winchester," less than twenty miles away, the capital of Alfred and Canute, where Sir Walter Raleigh was tried and good old Izaak Walton died, are Bent wills dating back to 1519, among them an Edward Bent, 1558; but the first one of the family of whom we have definite knowledge is

John Bent, who died in Penton-Grafton, in 1588, in the 30th year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, leaving a widow Edith, who

* The writer made a pilgrimage to this home of his fathers, July 4, 1891, taking the train from Waterloo Station in London to Andover (66 miles), where a change was made to a local train that carried him two miles further to Weyhill station. A pleasant walk of a mile or more, by green pastures and still waters, found him at the parish church.

died in the summer of 1601. (The wills of both will be found elsewhere.)

Children of John and Edith, born in Penton-Grafton:

i. EDITH, baptized Sept. 16, 1564.
ii. ROBERT, " . Sept. 29, 1566.
iii. DAVID, " Oct. 13, 1568; his mother's executor.
iv. MARIA, " Jan. 13, 1572; d. in Jan. 1591.
v. JOAN, " Nov. 12, 1574; m. William Noyes, perhaps the Rev. William of Wiltshire, father of Rev. James and Nicholas Noyes, who were among the first settlers of Newbury, Mass.
vi. RICHARD, baptized Feb. 5, 1577.
vii. ALICE, " June 7, 1579.
viii. AGNES, " Feb. 27, 1582; m. a Street.

Robert Bent (son of John Bent preceding), was born in September, 1566, in Penton-Grafton, where he died in July, 1631, æ. 64 years and 10 mos. He married, Oct. 13, 1589, Agnes Gosling, who followed her son to America and died in May or June, 1639, on board the ship "Jonathan" just outside Boston Harbor. Her body was brought ashore and buried, presumably in Boston. Her passage cost £17, besides £1 10s. for bringing over her goods and 10s. paid to the ship's surgeon.

Children of Robert and Agnes, born in Penton-Grafton:

i. MARGERY, bap. March 28, 1590.
ii. RICHARD, " May 7, 1592.
iii. JOHN, " Nov. 20, 1596; the original emigrant to America.
iv. MARIA, " Sept 24, 1598; buried Feb. 2, 1599.
v. DENNIS, " Dec. 10, 1599; m. May 8, 1626, William Baker, and lived in New Sarum, Wiltshire, Eng.
vi. AGNES, baptized July 16, 1602; m. in Penton-Grafton, April 11, 1630, Richard Barnes, who died a few years after, leaving two children, *Barnes:* Richard,* bap. Feb. 20, 1631, and Elizabeth. Agnes m. again, in England, Thomas Blanchard, and April 12, 1639, sailed from London for New England in the ship "Jonathan," with her whole family. Fifteen days out she died, and soon after her infant child died. Blanchard settled in Braintree, but afterwards moved to Charlestown and married again.
vii. JANE, ; m. in England, Robert Plimpton, and had five children, *Plimpton:* Robert, Thomas, William, Jane, Elizabeth. The children Thomas and Elizabeth came to America and lived in Sudbury, Mass.

* Richard Barnes was probably brought up by his uncle John Bent. He was one of the first settlers of Marlboro', Mass., where he d. June 22, 1708, æ. 77. He m. Deborah Dix and had six children: Sarah, Deborah, Richard, John, Edward and Abigail, the youngest of whom m. Peter[3] Bent.

THE FAMILY IN AMERICA.

1

JOHN[1] BENT, first of the name in America, was born in Penton-Grafton, England, in November, 1596 (while Elizabeth was still Queen), came to America in his forty-second year, and settled in Sudbury, Massachusetts, where he remained until his death, Sept. 27, 1672, æ. nearly 76. (His will and inventory will be found elsewhere.) He married in England about 1624, Martha ———, who died in Sudbury, May 15, 1679, well along in years.

The family—John, his wife and five small children—sailed from Southampton in the latter part of April, 1638, in the ship "Confidence" of London, John Jobson, master, the whole number of passengers, "greate and little," being 110 souls. Among them was the ancestor of the poet Whittier, Thomas Whittier, æ. 18, who with others settled in Salisbury, Mass. Nearly eighteen years before the Mayflower sailed on her eventful voyage from the same port. Later in the century, Isaac Watts first saw the light of day there. From Southampton, Richard Cœur-de-Lion sailed with his Crusaders; thither went Henry V. to embark for the field of Agincourt, and there Canute tried to exercise his authority over the waves. So much for the port of departure. The latter part of spring is still a popular time for crossing the Atlantic, but the voyage is a very different thing from what it was then, when they were tossed about in a small wooden vessel from six to eight weeks.

A glance at affairs in England will show ample cause for a change of home at that time. The rule of Charles I. had become almost unbearable, and it is not at all surprising that so many looked upon "the American wilderness as the only asylum in which they could enjoy civil and spiritual freedom." The king, advised in affairs of state by Lord Wentworth (Earl of Strafford) and in religious affairs by William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, wished to do for England what Richelieu was at that very time doing for France, "put the estates and the personal liberty of the whole people at the disposal of the crown and deprive the courts of law of all independent authority," as well as to break up all gatherings of religious dissenters. He had already ruled nine years without a Parliament and his despotism seemed nearly complete. But one thing was lacking, and that

was a standing army. How to raise taxes for the support of troops became the great question. Though a time of peace and no navy was needed, it was decided to revive an old method of taxation, that of levying ship money upon the maritime counties, for the ostensible purpose of protecting the coast. It will be borne in mind that Hampshire was one of these seacoast shires. It was in the year of this pernicious tax that John Bent left the land of his birth.

Let us see with his eyes if we can. Two pictures are there. First, England, to the outward eye, verdant, calm and peaceful, but in reality on the verge of a political and religious volcano. (The explosion came with the Civil War in 1642.) Six weeks elapses, and the curtain rises on the second scene, a June morning, America, forest clad, vast, unknown, its shadowy recesses holding no one knew what foes. But "hope springs eternal in the human breast" and doubtless the American shore seemed more hospitable than Old England in 1638.

John Bent continued to till the soil in America as he had done in England. His farm was in the part of Sudbury* now the town of Wayland, about sixteen miles directly west of Boston. He was one of the original settlers of the town, which was incorporated in 1639 with fifty-four inhabitants. Although it was the nineteenth town in Massachusetts Bay Colony, and the Sudbury River, the picture of peace, ran through fertile meadows near his new home, it was for some years after its settlement a frontier town. Beyond was the wilderness, stretching unbroken to the Connecticut valley, threaded only by the Indian's narrow trail and known only to the redman's moccasined foot and unerring eye.

John Bent was made a freeman in 1640; that is, because he had become a member of the church of the Puritans, he was allowed to take part in town affairs. The church was first in those days, and none but members were allowed to vote. His house lot, about six acres, was about a quarter of a mile north of the present R. R. station in Wayland, and the same distance from the river. At the first division of meadow lands, in 1639, he received one acre; at the second, in 1640, fourteen acres; and at the third, the same year, 10½ acres more, besides a gratulation—for some service done—of four acres of meadow and six of upland. In 1655 he received an additional grant. In 1641 he was one of the selectmen and on the committee to assign timber. In 1648, with two others, he was appointed to end small businesses under 20 shillings—a sort of trial justice. In 1648, with two others, he was appointed to

* East Sudbury was incorporated as a separate town in 1780; name changed to Wayland in 1830; both are still essentially farming towns; the population of Sudbury is 1,137 (in 1895) and of Wayland 2,026. During the Revolution, Sudbury was the most populous town in Middlesex County.

lay out a highway from Watertown (the part now Weston) to the Dunster Farm, in the edge of what is now Framingham. This road followed the old Connecticut Path, an ancient Indian trail leading from the seacoast to the Connecticut River. He has been set down as one of Major Simon Willard's troopers that went to Dedham in 1654, but this may have been his son John. In 1656 he was one of the petitioners for the town of Marlboro', but it is not probable that he ever lived there. It was to find a home for his son that prompted him to join the petitioners, for the old document says that they have children grown to man's estate, and they should like to see them settled where they can subsist.

Children of John and Martha, i. to v. born in Penton-Grafton, Eng., vi. and vii. in Sudbury, Mass.:

i. ROBERT, bap. Jan. 10, 1625; d. in Newbury, Mass., Jan. 30, 1648, æ. 23.
ii. WILLIAM, bap. Oct. 24, 1626; d. young probably.
2. iii. PETER, bap. April 14, 1629.
3. iv. AGNES, b. about 1631.
4. v. JOHN, bap. Jan. 24, 1636.
5. vi. JOSEPH, b. May 16, 1641.
6. vii. MARTHA, b. about 1643.

2

PETER[2] BENT (*John*[1]) was born in Penton-Grafton, England, in April, 1629, and died in England, whither he seems to have gone on business, in May, 1678, æ. 49. He was but nine years old when he accompanied his father to America. At or before the incorporation in 1660 of Marlboro', which was carved out of the wilderness to the west of Sudbury, he had moved thither. He and his father were among the thirteen who petitioned the Colony in 1656 for the laying out of the town. He built a grist mill on Stony Brook, in what is now the town of Southboro', and became a busy man. In 1661 he contracted to build a bridge across the Sudbury River "for horse and man and laden carts to pass over." More than once he went to England, no small undertaking in those days. He had built his house just south of Williams Pond, a mile or more from the present centre of Marlboro'. We commend his good judgment on the selection of a site. Here his little family was growing up when suddenly the Indians, stirred up by the animosities of the Narragansett chief, King Philip, swooped down upon the growing town, one Sunday morning (March 26, 1676), while the good people were at church, applied the fire-brand, and Marlboro' was no more. The November before, a small band of Indians crept up to Bent's mill and scalped his son (probably Zacheus, a lad of nine years) left him for dead — he afterwards recovered — and

carried off one of his apprentices, Christopher Muchin.* But Peter's troubles had begun before this, as will be seen from the following extract from the Records of the Governor and Colony of Massachusetts Bay:

Sep. 10, 1653. In ans^r to the peticon of Peter Bent for reparacon of damages sustajned in his horses going on the countrjes service to Conecticott, the Court vnderstanding this peticoners horse was by that journey worsted of at least sixe pounds in the value of it, besides his charge for the cure and hire of it, they therefore judge meete and order, that he shall be allowed tenn pounds out of the countrje levy, if he accept thereof, or otherwise he may haue libertje to sue the Treasurer, and recouer what damage he cann justly proove.

Two years after Marlboro' was burned by the Indians, Peter died. The inventory of his estate includes "26 acres of ye house lott at Marlbrough, Milstones and Mil Irons, 25 acres of upland, joyneing to ye former house lott" and much other land, the real estate being appraised at £436. The personal estate, amounting to a little more than £40, includes one pair pistols, holsters and three swords.

Peter left a widow Elizabeth (maiden name not ascertained), who was living in Sudbury in 1704, when she deeded to her elder son her widow's third of the Marlboro' property. A year after her husband's death, she petitioned the Governor and Council for aid. (The petition, which is an interesting one, will be found in full elsewhere.)

Children of Peter and Elizabeth, i. to iii. born in Sudbury, the others in Marlboro':

7. i. PETER,[3] b. Oct. 15, 1653.
   ii. MARTHA, mentioned in her father's will, and probably the Martha living unmarried in Boston in 1690.
   iii. ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 2, 1658; d. in Sudbury, Feb. 21, 1683.
   iv. AGNES, b. Aug. 19, 1661; d. June 4, 1729, æ. 68; m. July 9, 1684, Caleb Johnson, of Sudbury, b. probably in 1646, d. Dec. 1, 1715, son of Solomon Johnson.
   v. JOHN, b. Jan. 8, 1663; d. April 20, 1676, in Cambridge, whither the family had taken refuge after Marlboro' had been burned by the Indians.
   vi. ZACHEUS, b. about 1667; d. in Sudbury, March 20, 1690; referred to in his father's will as weak in body.
   vii. PATIENCE, b. Aug. 28, 1670.
8. viii. HOPESTILL, b. Jan. 17, 1672.

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AGNES[2] BENT *(John[1])* was born in England about 1631, and died in Marlboro', Mass., June 4, 1713, in her 83d year. She

* Mass. Archives, vol. 68, page 40.

married, about 1646, Deacon Edward Rice, who was born in Hertfordshire, Eng., in 1618, son of Deacon Edmond Rice (1594–1663), of Sudbury, Mass. He was a petitioner for Marlboro' in 1656, and died there, August 16, 1712, æ. 93. Barry, in his *History of Framingham* (published 1847), says that the children of Edward Rice were by a second wife, Anne, and this statement has been copied by other historians; but it is erroneous, for John Bent, in will dated in 1672, makes a bequest to his daughter Agnes Rice. The name Agnes in the old records, particularly in the Bent family, is spelled Annis and sometimes abbreviated to Ann. The Rices were both numerous and prominent in Sudbury and Marlboro' and have intermarried with the Bents more than a dozen times.

Children of Edward and Agnes (Bent) *Rice*, i. to ix. born in Sudbury, x. and xi. in Marlboro':

i. JOHN,[3] b. about 1647; lived in Sudbury.
ii. LYDIA, b. July 30, 1648; d. same day.
iii. LYDIA, b. Dec. 10, 1649.
iv. EDMUND, b. Dec. 9, 1653; a deacon in Sudbury.
v. DANIEL, b. Nov. 8, 1655; lived in Marlboro'.
vi. CALEB, b. Feb. 8, 1657; d. 1658.
vii. JACOB, b. 1660; lived in Marlboro'.
viii. ANNA, b. Nov. 19, 1661; m. Thomas Rice.
ix. DORCAS, b. Jan. 29, 1664; m. Thomas Forbush.
x. BENJAMIN, b. Dec. 22, 1666; lived in Marlboro'.
xi. ABIGAIL, b. May 9, 1671; m. Samuel Forbush.

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JOHN[2] BENT (*John*[1]) was born in Penton-Grafton, England, in Jan., 1636, and died in Framingham, Mass., in Sept. (buried the 15th), 1717, æ. 81. He came to America with his father in 1638, and was brought up in Sudbury, Mass. In 1662, four years after his marriage, he bought land of Henry Rice near the fordway over the Cochituate Brook, on the west side of the old Connecticut Path,* in what is now the town of Framingham, and built one of the first houses on Framingham land. April 16, 1683, he bought sixty acres adjoining. In the Sudbury town records, under date of Oct. 26, 1686, is an "agreement between the town of Sudbury and certain out-dwellers, viz.: Corporal John Bent * * * * who are inhabitants bordering upon, but dwelling without the line or bounds of the town." The first petition for the incorporation of the town of Framingham, in 1693, was headed by John Bent. It was not incorporated, however, until 1700. At the second town meeting, March 3, 1701, he was chosen one of the tythingmen, who were

* This old Indian trail was for years the only way the eastern settlers had to reach the towns on the Connecticut River. It went along the north bank of Charles River, thence to northern end of Cochituate Pond, and S.W. through South Framingham, etc.

men of authority not only on Sunday but throughout the week, and doubtless he performed the delicate duties with dignity and discretion. In his will, dated Feb. 19, 1714–15, "in the first year of our sovereign lord George of England, King," etc., he says that he is "very sick and weake in Body." His property is to be divided equally between his two sons, his daughter having already received her portion.

He married, first, July 1, 1658, Hannah, born June 6, 1640, daughter of John and Anne Stone of Cambridge, and, second, Martha, born August 17, 1657, daughter of Matthew Rice, who was a brother of Edward Rice that married John Bent's sister Agnes. John had no children by his second wife, who survived him.

Children of John and Hannah, i. born in Sudbury, ii. and iii. in what is now Framingham:

i. HANNAH, b. May 6, 1661; m. Feb. 26, 1681, John Adams, b. May 1, 1655, son of John and Ann Adams of Cambridge.

9. ii. JOHN, b. Nov. 29, 1689.

10. iii. DAVID, b. about 1691.

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JOSEPH[2] BENT (*John*[1]) was born in Sudbury, Mass., May 16, 1641, and was killed accidentally in the summer of 1675 (æ. only 34) by a pistol shot from his brother Peter. He married, at Marshfield, June 30, 1666, Elizabeth, born in 1646, daughter of John and Alice (Besbidge) Bourne,* and probably moved to Marshfield soon after, for, April 28, 1667, "Joseph Bent of Marshfield in ye Colony of New Plimouth" sold to Joseph Gleasing thirteen acres of upland in Sudbury, adjoining the common, with houses, barns, etc., also two lots of meadow land. He was a constable in Marshfield in 1669, but moved back to Sudbury before his death, for the inventory of his estate speaks of him as of Sudbury, where his house, barns and lands were valued at £95. The first inventory of his property was taken Aug. 10, 1675, and as he acknowledged a deed June 14, 1675, his death must come between those two dates. Joseph's widow probably returned to her old home in Marshfield, and died soon after. The children were brought up by their maternal grandparents, John Bourne, who died in 1684, and his wife, who died in 1686. At the settlement of the Bourne estate, the "Court doth order that concerning the five orphan children of the Eldest Daughter Elizabeth deceased, It shall be estimated what it is worth

* John Bourne's sister Martha married John Bradford, son of the Governor, and another sister Margaret married Josiah Winslow, brother of Gov. Edward Winslow. They were children of Thomas Bourne, who died in 1664, æ. 83. Alice Besbidge was daughter of Thomas Besbidge, who settled in Scituate 1635.

to bring up three of them soe long as their Grandfather Bourne did."

Children of Joseph and Elizabeth, i. recorded in Marshfield, v. and vi. in Sudbury:

i. JOSEPH,[3] b. Oct. 11, 1667; d. young.
ii. DAUGHTER, name unknown.
11. iii. EXPERIENCE.
iv. DAUGHTER, name unknown.
v. ELIZABETH, b. in 1673; m. Oct. 11, 1701, Thomas Joyce of Marshfield, b. June 3, 1678, son of Hosea Joyce of Yarmouth, Mass.
12. vi. JOSEPH, b. March 5, 1675.

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MARTHA[2] BENT (*John*[1]) was born in Sudbury, Mass., about 1643, and died Aug. 29, 1680; married, June 5, 1663, Samuel How, carpenter, born Oct. 20, 1642, son of John How, one of the first settlers of Sudbury. John afterward moved to Marlboro', where he opened the first public house in the place, but Samuel remained in Sudbury, where he died, April 13, 1713. He married again, Sept. 18, 1685, Mrs. Sarah (Leavitt) Clapp, widow of Nehemiah Clapp of Hingham. David, the youngest son by the first marriage, was the first proprietor of the Red Horse Tavern, the "Wayside Inn" made famous by Longfellow. The old hostelry is in the southwest corner of the town, near the boundaries of both Marlboro' and Framingham, and was probably built about 1702, though some think at an earlier date. The Hows were a race of tavern-keepers. John's grandson, Capt. Daniel Howe (1681–1768), was one of the first settlers of Shrewsbury, where he soon opened a tavern. In Revolutionary days, when Capt. Cyprian Howe and Munning Sawin kept rival inns in Marlboro', there was an old rhyme running like this:

"Uncle Cyp makes the flip
And Munning makes the toddy, O."

Children of Samuel and Martha (Bent) *How*, born in Sudbury:

i. JOHN,[3] b. July 24, 1664; lived in Framingham and Hopkinton.
ii. MARY, b. March 2, 1666; m. 1st, George Farrar, and 2d, Thomas Barnes.
iii. SAMUEL, b. May 19, 1668; d. in Framingham, 1731.
iv. MARTHA, b. Oct. 9, 1669; m. Thomas Walker.
v. DANIEL, b. Oct. 9, 1672; d. 1680.
vi. DAVID, b. Nov. 2, 1674; kept the "Wayside Inn" in Sudbury, until his death, Aug. 3, 1759, when he was succeeded by his youngest son, Ezekiel How (b. April 5, 1720, d. Oct. 15, 1796), during the Revolutionary War colonel of 4th Middlesex Militia. The latter was succeeded by his son Adam How

(b. May 15, 1763; d. Dec. 10, 1840), and he in turn by his son "Squire" Lyman Howe (b. Nov. 6, 1801), a bachelor, at whose death, in April, 1861, it passed out of the Howe name. In 1897 it was again re-opened as a place of public entertainment.

vii. HANNAH, b. April 6, 1677; m. John Barnes.

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PETER[3] BENT (*Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Sudbury, Mass., Oct. 15, 1653, and died March 3, 1717, æ. 63, at Marlboro' (Mass.), where all his life except his early boyhood was spent. He married, Feb. 27, 1705, his second cousin, Abigail, born Oct. 3, 1683, daughter of Richard Barnes (1631–1708) of Marlboro'. She was thirty years younger than her husband, and died in Southboro',* Mass., Feb. 4, 1768, æ. 84.

Children, all born in Marlboro':

i. BEULAH,[4] b. March 27, 1705; d. unm. in Southboro', April 17, 1783, æ. 78.

13. ii. PETER, b. March 20, 1707.

14. iii. JOHN, b. Sept. 24, 1708.

iv. ABIGAIL, b. Sept. 1, 1710; d. unm. in Southboro', July 29, 1787, æ. nearly 77.

v. ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 5, 1712; d. unm. in Southboro', in 1798, probably, for in the Worcester Co. probate records is the inventory of Elizabeth Bent late of Southboro', bearing date of Dec. 27, 1798.

vi. JABEZ, b. Jan. 28, 1716; d. young probably.

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HOPESTILL[3] BENT (*Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Marlboro', Mass., Jan. 17, 1672, but spent all except his early boyhood in Sudbury, where he died, Aug. 18, 1725, æ. 53, on the original Bent farm in what is now Wayland. In 1710, he kept the Bent Tavern. His real estate transactions were numerous. He saw service in the disastrous Canadian campaign of 1690, when Sir William Phipps and 2000 Massachusetts men tried to take Quebec. This was in King William's War, the first of the French and Indian Wars. In 1767, Peter Bent, in the right of Hopestill Bent, was one of the "Petitioners whose ancestors were in the Expedition to Canada in the year 1690." They asked for a grant of land on account of the "great suffering and Service in the said Expedition." The original petition bore the date of 1737, and in June, 1768, the General Court granted them what is now the town of Bethel, Me. Hopestill's tombstone, still to be seen in Wayland, records that he was an ensign. That he was kind and just in his dealings with the

* Southboro', originally part of Marlboro', was incorporated in 1727.

original owners of our soil is proved by the following extract from the Middlesex deeds:

Isaac Nehemiah, Indian, of Natick * * * in consideration of the love, good will and affection for my kind and loving friend Mr. Hopestill Bent of Sudbury * * * for his Great Care of me and kindness to me in time of my Sickness, when I was at his house by ye Space of about Seven years during which time I was Tenderly Nursed and Instructed in the things y^t Concern my Soul * * * deed to Hopestill Bent * * * my lands in Natick and Magunckog, April 7, 1714.

Hopestill married, Nov. 27, 1700, Elizabeth, born March 17, 1678, daughter of Major Thomas Brown of Sudbury by his wife Patience, daughter of Hopestill Foster of Dorchester.

Children, all born in Sudbury (Wayland):

i. MARTHA,[4] b. Sept. 15, 1701; d. Dec. 22, 1722.
15. ii. PETER, b. May 17, 1703.
16. iii. THOMAS, b. July 29, 1706.
17. iv. HOPESTILL, b. Nov. 4, 1708.
v. SARAH, b. April 22, 1711; m. July 10, 1729, Jeremiah Wesson of Sudbury.
18. vi. ELIJAH, b. Aug. 15, 1713.
19. vii. MICAH, b. April 29, 1716.
viii. ELIZABETH, b. June 14, 1720.

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JOHN[3] BENT (*John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born Nov. 29, 1689, in Framingham, where he died in 1759, æ. 70. In 1725, he was in Capt. Isaac Clark's company in one of the Indian wars. He married, Nov. 11, 1711, Hannah, born Jan. 5, 1692, daughter of Deacon David Rice.

Children, all born in Framingham;

20. i. MATTHIAS,[4] b. July 2, 1712.
ii. HANNAH, b. July 10, 1714; d. Sept. 21, 1774; m. first, in 1734, Richard Rice (1710–1737), and second, Nov. 30, 1738, Capt. Jeremiah Belknap (1704–1774).
iii. MARTHA, b. March 7, 1720; m. March 10, 1740, Col. Samuel Brewer, who was wounded at Bunker Hill; moved from Framingham to Rutland, Mass.
21. iv. JOHN, b. May 4, 1730.

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DAVID[3] BENT (*John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born about 1691 in Framingham, where he died Feb. 15, 1730, æ. 39. He married, Jan. 1, 1713, Mary, daughter of Capt. Thomas Drury, the first town clerk of Framingham.

Children, all born in Framingham:

22. i. JOHN,[4] b. Oct. 22, 1713.

ii. DAVID, b. March 22, 1717; d. 1726.
iii. MARY, b. Aug. 5, 1718; m. Sept. 24, 1741, David Goodenow of Sudbury, and moved to Rutland, Mass.
iv. LYDIA, b. April 6, 1721; m. in 1739, William Beal of Natick.
v. SARAH, b. Jan. 12, 1727; m. March 13, 1751, Bezaleel Rice (1721–1806).
23. vi. DAVID, b. March 30, 1730 (posthumous).

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EXPERIENCE[3] BENT (*Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born probably in Marshfield, Mass., about 1669, and died in Middleboro', Mass., about 1754, aged 85. He was early left an orphan, and until 1686 was cared for by his maternal grand-parents in Marshfield. In 1690, he was living in Sudbury, the part now Wayland, where he was a house carpenter. Later in life, however, he is always referred to as a yeoman. Oct. 20, 1701, he bought a "small parcell of upland lying and being in ye Township of Plimouth, also ye Dwelling House that standeth upon said Land, said land lyeth at a Brooke commonly called Wellingsly Brooke on ye northerly side of sd Brooke." This homestead he sold Nov. 1, 1708, and moved to the northeasterly part of Middleboro', and in 1712 he added by purchase 100 acres in Plympton adjoining his homestead. In 1736, for £11, he granted permission to Robert Brown, James Shaw, Isaac Nye and Joseph Richards to set up a forge or iron works, "with a good and sufficient Damm," on Whetstone Vineyard Brook, "neare my now dwelling house," which was near where the present town of Carver makes a corner with Middleboro' and Plympton. Though still known as the Bent lot, the pines are rapidly encroaching upon the old farm, and the half-grown-up cellar hole, whose only occupant now is a woodchuck, and a few venerable apple trees, are all there is to show that here for four generations was a human habitation.

Middleboro', which was incorporated in 1669, and at that time joined Plymouth, was the location of an Indian settlement known as Nemasket, and was visited by Miles Standish in 1621, the first military expedition of the Plymouth colonists.

Experience Bent married, in 1703, Abigail, born 1680, daughter of George and Elizabeth Sampson of Duxbury, where her grandfather, Abraham Sampson, settled in 1628.

Children, i. and ii. born probably in Plymouth, iii. and iv. in Middleboro':

24. i. JOSEPH,[4] b. about 1704.
ii. ELIZABETH, b. about 1706; d. Aug. 11, 1743; m. John Griffith of Middleboro'.
iii. RACHEL, living unm. in Middleboro' in 1769.
iv. ALICE, m. Barnabas Raymond, b. May 21, 1710, in Middleboro', where they had twelve children.

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JOSEPH[3] BENT (*Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Sudbury, Mass., March 5, 1675, and died in Milton, Mass., March 31, 1728, æ. 53. Left an orphan at an early age, he was brought up first in Marshfield, Mass., by his maternal grand-parents, and, after his grand-mother's death in 1686, by his uncle, John Man, who had married his mother's sister, Alice Bourne. Man was instructed by the Court "to three or four years hence put him out to a trade and meantime to instruct him in reading and writing." The trade to which he was apprenticed, presumably at fourteen, and that which he followed through life, was the blacksmith's, which many of his descendants have also followed. An honorable calling surely,

> "For, since the birth of time, throughout all ages and nations,
> Has the craft of the smith been held in repute by the people,"

says Longfellow.

John Man lived in Milton, and thus it was that the Bent family came to locate in the town, where, after the lapse of more than two centuries, the name is still to be found. Originally a part of Dorchester and known by the Indian name of Unquity, Milton became a separate town in 1662, so that it was still young when Joseph Bent, a boy in his teens, went thither. Previous to the white man's settlement here in the Neponset valley and on the slopes of the Blue Hills, it had been the home of the Indian tribe whose name has been enshrined in the word Massachusetts. Aside from this, Milton has been a noteworthy town. On Milton Hill, in pre-Revolutionary days, dwelt Gov. Thomas Hutchinson, whose refusal to allow the tea ships to pass out of the harbor in 1773 caused the "Boston Tea Party." Gov. Jonathan Belcher had lived in the town in still earlier days, and on the slope of the Big Blue Hill still resides Roger Wolcott, the honored Governor of the Bay State in 1897, 1898, 1899. Milton has raised a President of Harvard College, Rev. Benjamin Wadsworth, two Revolutionary colonels, John Crane and Joseph Vose, and was the home of Charles Sumner's ancestors. Many distinguished people still find a pleasant home within its bounds, among them Mrs. Adeline D. T. Whitney, the writer, and in the same burial ground, where the little slate stone is to be seen over the grave of Joseph Bent, not only "the rude fore-fathers of the hamlet sleep," but also the remains of the great Wendell Phillips.

Joseph Bent married, Oct. 27, 1698, Rachel, born Dec. 3, 1673, and died July 5, 1725, daughter of Jonathan and Mary Fuller of Dedham, Mass.

Children, all born in Milton:

i. MARY,[4] b. Jan. 21, 1700; d. July 20, 1768; m. June 10, 1725,

John Davenport (1695–1778) of Ponkipog, now a part of Canton, then a part of Dorchester.

25. ii. JOSEPH, b. Sept. 26, 1701.

26. iii. JOHN, b. Oct. 15, 1703.

iv. RACHEL, b. Aug. 21, 1705; m. Feb. 8, 1722, Nathaniel Vose, Jr., of Milton, b. March 31, 1699, d. Dec. 18, 1751.

v. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 13, 1708; m. Dec. 1, 1725, David Copeland (1704–1750); eight children, born in Milton.

vi. SARAH, b. April 13, 1710; d. April 5, 1802, æ. 92; m. Feb. 12, 1730, Elijah Vose (1708–1766) of Milton. Of their four sons, the eldest, Joseph Vose (1738–1816), was a Revolutionary colonel and afterwards a general.

27. vii. EBENEZER, b. April 23, 1712.

viii. EXPERIENCE, b. and d. 1714.

ix. THANKFUL, b. July 5, 1716; d. Feb. 1793, æ. 76; m. Dec. 27, 1734, Stephen Davenport (1703–1784) of Milton, brother of John above.

FOURTH GENERATION.

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PETER[4] BENT *(Peter,[3] Peter,[2] John[1])* was born March 20, 1707, in Marlboro' (Mass.), where the whole of his long and honorable life was spent. He died March 11, 1798, æ. 91, and his widow Mary (maiden name not ascertained) died June 3, 1803, æ. 93. They were buried in the old burial ground near the present Fitchburg R. R. station. His tombstone, an unusually large one, recites that he was "a man justly esteemed for his Integrity and Usefulness both in public and private Life." He was a man of great public spirit, and his townsmen elected him to the highest offices in their power. To distinguish him from the other Peter Bents, we might well call him Peter the Great. He was assessor in 1754, 1764–67, 1769–72, 1775, selectman 1750, 1756, 1759, 1766–67, 1770–72, 1774, 1777, representative to the General Court 1771 to 1775, and member of the three Provincial Congresses held in 1774 and 1775. At the second, which convened in Cambridge, Feb. 1, 1775, he was the sole representative of Marlboro', and was appointed by the president, John Hancock, one of a committee of three to examine the returns of the several towns and report upon their stocks of powder, etc. At the third, which assembled in Watertown, May 31, 1775, Gen. Joseph Warren was the presiding officer, and Peter Bent, who was again the sole representative of Marlboro', was on two or three committees. Previous to this, at a meeting (March 29, 1770) of the citizens of Marlboro' "to see whether the town will do anything to strengthen the hands of the merchants in their non-importation agreement," Peter Bent, Hezekiah Maynard and Robert Baker, the committee, submitted a patriotic and spirited

report, which was adopted, transmitted to the Boston committee and printed in the *Evening Post.* At one time, when he was re-elected representative, he was instructed to "pay no acknowledgement to any unconstitutional and new-fangled Counsellors," etc.

In the days of the French and Indian wars (1757) he was in Capt. Abraham Williams's company of militia. In 1770 he was one of the six richest men in town. He bequeathed to his wife £84 in silver at 6/8 per ounce besides the house, furniture, etc., and mentions his lands in Southboro' and Westboro'. The old Bent farm in his day extended for a mile and a half along the road to Northboro'. He raised beef for the market and had a large apple orchard, near which the Indians came every year and camped. This annual visit was continued well into the nineteenth century. About a mile from the homestead, on the farm, is an ancient Indian burial place.

The old farm house is still standing (1899) on the south side of Williams (or Gates) Pond, a mile or more from Marlboro' centre. It is a long, rambling structure, built by successive generations, the oldest part probably dating back more than two centuries.

> "Built in the old colonial day
> When men lived in a grander way
> With ampler hospitality."

Behind it, on the slope toward the pond, which has recently become city property, was until 1897 a gigantic hollow chestnut tree about eight feet in diameter. By the little brook which forms the outlet to the pond, half imbedded in the earth, covered with lichens and surrounded by brush, are two enormous old mill stones, which may have been used by the first Peter Bent. The homestead has been owned by but two families, the Bents, who came in possession of it by original grant about 1660, and the Stevens family that took it when the Marlboro' line of Bents became extinct.

Children of Peter and Mary Bent, all born in Marlboro':

i. PETER,[6] b. Oct. 22, 1733; d. Aug. 3, 1740.

ii. SARAH, b. June 21, 1735; d. Feb. 16, 1825, æ. 89; m. April 13, 1784, Alpheus Woods (1727–1794), his second wife.

iii. MARY, b. April 18, 1737; lived to be 94, it is said; m. March 22, 1758, Josiah Fay of Southboro'. Their dau. Elizabeth Fay m. Uriah Brigham and had Peter Bent Brigham, a full account of whose life will be found further along in this book. Josiah Fay was born in Westboro', Mass., Feb. 14, 1732, and died in New York city, Aug. 12, 1776.

iv. JABEZ, b. 1739; d. 1740.

v. PATIENCE, b. Feb. 13, 1741; d. in Southboro', Jan. 23, 1837, æ. nearly 96; m. Capt. Seth Newton (1733–1807).

vi. DEBORAH, b. 1743; d. 1745.

vii. ANNE, b. June 30, 1745; d. at the Bent homestead in Marlboro', April 17, 1828, æ. nearly 83. Her son Daniel Stevens, b.

Sept. 14, 1771, d. Sept. 29, 1852, came into possession of the Bent estate when the male line of Bents became extinct, represented the town in the General Court five years (1828–1831, 1833) and was a justice of the peace for twenty years. He m. in 1797, Eunice E. Robinson of Concord, who d. Feb. 20, 1844, æ. 69, and by her had three children: 1. *Isaac Temple Stevens*, b. Jan. 3, 1798. 2. *Ann Bent Stevens*, b. Sept. 16, 1799; m. Sept. 10, 1820, Issachar Dickerman. 3. *Eunice C. Stevens*, b. June 24, 1801; d. unm. May 26, 1836. Isaac Temple Stevens m. Oct. 17, 1817, Catherine Felton, and took the Bent farm. Upon his death, April 16, 1876, it passed into the hands of one of his thirteen children, William Robinson Stevens (b. April 10, 1838), who still lives there (1899) with an unmarried sister, Susanna. Another brother, Levi Lincoln Stevens, lives in Marlboro', and still another, Rev. Daniel Waldo Stevens, b. Jan. 17, 1820, d. Oct. 1, 1891, graduated from Harvard in 1846 and became a Unitarian clergyman. The descendants of Daniel Stevens (1771–1852) have held an annual re-union, usually at the old Bent place, since about 1883.

28. viii. PETER, b. Jan. 6, 1747.

29. ix. JABEZ, b. Jan. 29, 1749.

x. DEBORAH, b. 1751; d. 1755.

xi. ABIGAIL, b. Jan. 29, 1754; m. Sept. 12, 1771, Benajah Brigham, b. March 15, 1746, d. Dec. 7, 1822, brother of Benjamin Brigham, Jr. (1742–1799), the first minister of Fitzwilliam, N. H.

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JOHN[4] BENT (*Peter*, [3]*Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Marlboro', Mass., Sept. 24, 1708. No record of his marriage or death has been found, but his name appears on land transactions as late as 1784. He was a farmer and lived in Southboro', a town set off from Marlboro' in 1727. He was a sergeant in Capt. Timothy Brigham's company of militia in 1757. Probably his sisters, all of whom were unmarried, lived with him.

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PETER[4] BENT (*Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born May 17, 1703, in Sudbury, where he was still living in 1757. No record of his death found; it is possible that he went to Nova Scotia in 1760 or thereabouts and died soon after. A peculiar interest attaches to him because of the fact that he married, April 18, 1727, Mary, daughter of Rev. Samuel Parris, in whose family the Salem witchcraft delusion began in 1692. The Rev. Samuel, after being invited to leave Salem village in 1697, lived in Newton, Concord, Stow and Dunstable, and finally located in Sudbury, where he died Feb. 27, 1720, æ. 67. His son Samuel was long a deacon in

Sudbury. Mary was a daughter by the second wife Dorothy, daughter of Peter Noyes, Jr., of Sudbury.

Children, all born in Sudbury (Wayland):

i. MARY,[5] b. June 28, 1727.
ii. MARTHA, b. March 11, 1729.
iii. DOROTHY, b. Dec. 31, 1730; m. Nov. 9, 1762, Richard Mills.
iv. EUNICE, b. Nov. 15, 1732.
v. SUSANNAH, b. Sept. 17, 1734; m. Dec. 5, 1765, Ebenezer Moore.
vi. CATHERINE, b. Sept. 23, 1736; m. Jan. 4, 1758, William, son of Samuel Russell of Sudbury and a descendant of William of Cambridge, the original American ancestor of Gov. William E. Russell.
vii. ABIGAIL, b. Oct. 30, 1738; m. June 18, 1765, Jason Glozen (Gleason).
viii. PETER, b. Sept. 10, 1741; m. probably June 17, 1774, Sarah Pratt of Newton.
ix. SAMUEL, b. Aug. 15, 1743; nothing further ascertained.
x. ANNA, b. Dec. 10, 1745.
xi. HOPESTILL, b. July 15, 1748; nothing further ascertained.

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THOMAS[4] BENT (*Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Sudbury, July 29, 1706, and died in Sudbury, July 26, 1775, æ. 69. It is said that upon receipt of the news of the Concord fight he started on horseback for the scene of action, where he received a bullet wound in one of his legs, from the effect of which he soon afterward died. After being wounded, he started back for Sudbury, and while on the road met one of his boys, who, like his three brothers, was hurrying to the front. Instead of asking his son to return, he urged him forward and the boy obeyed. The inventory of his estate includes land in Chesterfield and Holden, several head of horned cattle, twenty sheep and twelve swine. He evidently had a good apple orchard, for forty-three barrels of cider were found.

He married, May 28, 1733, Mary, born March 9, 1718, daughter of Samuel and Abigail (Reed) Stone of Lexington and Sudbury, and a descendant of Deacon Gregory Stone of Cambridge, 1635. She died the same day as her husband, and they were buried beside the remains of his father in the old burial ground in what is now Wayland.

"And now their names, with the moss o'ergrown,
Are veiled from sight on the churchyard stone
That leans away, in a lingering fall,
And owns the power that shall level all
The works that the hand of man hath wrought."

Children, all born in the old part of Sudbury now Wayland:

i. LUCY,[5] b. Jan. 13, 1736; m. July 19, 1755, Nathan Livermore of Weston, and moved to Chesterfield, Mass.

30. ii. THOMAS, b. July 4, 1738.
iii. LOIS, b. Dec. 3, 1740; d. in Framingham, 1783; m. Feb. 3, 1762, James Glover (1734–1806); eight children; he married again in 1784.
iv. MARY, b. June 21, 1743; d. Framingham, Feb. 1824; m. Capt. Benjamin Edwards, Jr. (1732–1803), of Boston, Woburn and Framingham.
31. v. JASON, b. May 9, 1750; m. Anne Glover, sister of James.
vi. MARTHA, b. March 21, 1752; m. Dec. 5, 1782, James Inglis.
32. vii. SAMUEL, b. Jan. 1, 1755.
33. viii. JONATHAN, b. April 22, 1758.
ix. EUNICE, b. Feb. 14, 1763; m. Aug. 8, 1782, Thomas Glover, Jr. (1757–1845), of Sharon, Mass., where she d. Jan. 1, 1806, æ. 43; seven children; he married again.

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HOPESTILL[4] BENT (*Hopestill,*[3] *Peter,*[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Sudbury, Mass., Nov. 4, 1708. He lived a short time in Waltham, near by, but moved back to Sudbury, where he died, late in 1772, æ. 64. He married first, Oct. 22, 1733, Beulah, born Dec. 11, 1716, daughter of Jonathan Rice; married second, April 26, 1763, Mrs. Anna Fiske of Waltham, who died in the latter place, Jan. 7, 1793, æ. 80.

Children, all born in Sudbury:

i. JONATHAN,[5] b. April 24, 1735; was in the Crown Point expedition in 1755, and d. Dec. 25 of that year.
ii. LYDIA, b. June 15, 1738; living unm. in 1774.
iii. PETER, b. July 8, 1741; d. in 1778 probably; m. Lucy, dau. of Samuel Stone of Framingham, where she d. Jan. 27, 1783, æ. 40; no children.
iv. ELIZABETH, b. March 25, 1744; m. Feb. 11, 1762, Micah Rice.
v. TIMOTHY, b. March 24, 1747; enlisted in the Continental Army, but died or was killed previous to 1779.

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ELIJAH[4] BENT (*Hopestill,*[3] *Peter,*[2] *John*[1]) was born in Sudbury, Aug. 15, 1713, and died in Barre, Mass., May 2, 1797, æ. 83. He lived in East Sudbury, now Wayland, but died at his son's home. He is variously called house-wright, yeoman and inn-holder. The inn that he kept was the Pequot House, probably built by him about 1771, and still in existence in Wayland centre. He married Susannah, born in Sudbury, April 24, 1720, and died in Barre, July 3, 1801, daughter of Samuel Stone.

Children, i. born in Framingham, the others in East Sudbury (now Wayland):

i. ELIJAH,[5] b. Oct. 7, 1739; moved to Nova Scotia, it is said.
ii. DORCAS, b. Jan. 1, 1742; m. first, ——— Maner, and second, ——— Baldwin.

34. iii. SILAS, b. April 14, 1744.
iv. SUSANNAH, b. May 21, 1748; m. ——— Wilbert.
35. v. JOEL, b. Feb. 22, 1750.
36. vi. STEPHEN, b. July 15, 1752.
37. vii. RUFUS, b. Feb. 13, 1755.
viii. ABIGAIL, b. Sept. 3, 1757; m. May 1, 1777, David Curtis (b. 1753), son of Joseph and a descendant of Henry Curtis of Sudbury, the original American ancestor of George William Curtis.
38. ix. NATHAN, b. March 12, 1760.

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MICAH[4] BENT (*Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), blacksmith, was born April 29, 1716, in Sudbury, where he died, probably in 1760. The inventory of his estate is dated Dec. 24, 1760. He married, in 1737, Grace, daughter of David Rice.

Children, all born in Sudbury (Wayland):

39. i. DAVID,[5] b. March 18, 1739.
40. ii. WILLIAM, b. June 8, 1741.
iii. ANNE, b. April 8, 1744; m. May 12, 1763, Daniel Felch of Natick.
iv. SARAH, b. March 19, 1746.
v. JANE, m. Feb. 13, 1766, Jonas Harrington, 3d, of Weston, Mass., b. Sept. 21, 1740.
vi. MARTHA, m. first, Jan. 31, 1774, Dr. Benjamin Rice (Harvard, 1773) of Annapolis, N. S., and Boston, Mass. He d. 1782, æ. 33, and she m. second, ——— Bacon; she m. third, ——— Newman.
vii. ELIZABETH, m. first, ——— Stone; m. second, ——— Tucker.

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MATTHIAS[4] BENT (*John*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born July 2, 1712, in Framingham, Mass., where he died, July, 1799, æ. 87. He was a selectman thirteen years. He married, Feb. 26, 1746, Abigail, daughter of Joseph Stone. She died Nov. 16, 1814, æ. 90.

Children, both born in Framingham:

i. ANNE,[5] b. Oct. 14, 1747; m. Lieut. John Eames* (1743–1832) of Framingham. She d. before 1798, when he m. again.
41. ii. MATTHIAS, b. Sept. 15, 1752.

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JOHN[4] BENT (*John*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Framingham, May 4, 1730; died in Framingham, Sept. 14, 1818, æ. 88. He married, Oct. 23, 1751, Molly, daughter of John Stacy of Framingham.

Children, all born in Framingham:

* Lieut. John was brother of Capt. Jesse Eames, who married Betty Bent.

42. i. JOHN,[5] b. July 16, 1752.
43. ii. JOSIAH (twin), b. Oct. 29, 1755.
iii. MARY (twin), b. Oct. 29, 1755; m. April 23, 1776, Capt. John Trowbridge (1752–1825) of Framingham, where she d. Jan. 30, 1844, æ. 88, leaving four sons, one of whom, Dr. Josiah Trowbridge (1785–1862), was Mayor of Buffalo, N. Y.
iv. MARTHA, b. April 14, 1758.

22

JOHN[4] BENT (*David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Framingham, Mass., Oct. 22, 1713; died in Framingham, probably in 1750, æ. 37. He married, in 1737, Elizabeth, born June 16, 1716, daughter of Thomas Reed of Sudbury. She married second, Oct. 3, 1751, Joshua Harrington (1718–1784) and moved about 1774 to Fitzwilliam, N. H., where she died March 18, 1784.

Children of John and Elizabeth, all born in Framingham:

i. SAMUEL,[5] b. 1738; d. 1742.
ii. BETTY, b. 1741, d. 1742.
iii. BETTY, b. May 1, 1743; m. Capt. Jesse Eames, b. July 14, 1739, a dentist of Framingham, where she d. Feb. 14, 1776, leaving six children, one of whom, Ezra Ames of Albany, N. Y., b. May 5, 1768, was a portrait painter of some note. Capt. Jesse moved to Staatsburg, N. Y., and m. again.
iv. LUCY, b. Jan. 26, 1745.
v. SAMUEL, b. July 19, 1749. Nothing further ascertained.

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DAVID[4] BENT (*David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]), blacksmith, was born in Framingham, March 30, 1730; died in Rutland, Mass., Jan. 15, 1798, æ. nearly 68. The year of his marriage, or possibly before, he moved to Rutland, where he was an active and useful citizen. In addition to working at his trade, he had a large farm (160 acres at the time of his death) in the southern part of the town, a portion of it lying in what, in 1765, became the district of Paxton (incorporated as a town in 1775). The inventory of his estate included half of a pew in Rutland meeting-house and two-thirds of a pew in Paxton meeting-house. Rutland, it may be said in passing, is a fine old hill town in the very centre of the state. Jan. 3, 1775, he was chosen one of fifteen men who were to act as a Committee of Inspection to carry out the Acts of Congress. March 13, 1775, a military company was formed and David Bent was chosen captain. This company marched to Cambridge the day after the battle of Lexington and was out six days. From April 6, 1776, until March 13, 1780, when he resigned, he commanded a company in the 7th Worcester County regiment. Marched to Bennington in August, 1777.

Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 15, 1787, a cyclone swept over Rutland, doing much damage. The account in Sidney Perley's "Historic Storms of New England," says: "Seemingly gathering new fury, it continued down the side of a hill, struck a corner of Captain Bent's house and lifted the barn into the air, knocking it to pieces and throwing several large timbers a considerable distance. In the barn were four or five tons of hay, which was wholly lost. A blacksmith shop and part of a shed were entirely carried away, together with nearly two hundred apple trees; and much of the walls and fences was demolished."

The old house in which he lived is still standing, a two-and-a-half story building, east of Turkey Hill Pond, on the road from Rutland to Paxton, near the dividing line, and about 2½ miles from the centre of either town. The big chimney, the little panes of glass, and the old floors held down by hand-made nails, have only recently (1898) been removed. The barn was divided several years ago and the blacksmith shop and out buildings have long since disappeared. The farm is still considered one of the best in Rutland.

Capt. David Bent married first, April 3, 1751, Lucy, daughter of Peter Moore of Rutland. He married second, Oct. 2, 1783, Martha, born Nov. 21, 1744, died July 9, 1817, daughter of James and Elizabeth Browning of Rutland.

Children of David and Lucy, all born in Rutland, Mass.:

i. MICAH,[5] b. 1751; d. 1756.
ii. JOHN, b. 1754; d. 1756.
44. iii. DAVID, b. April 3, 1756.
45. iv. LUCY, b. June 4, 1758; m. 1774, Joseph Green.
v. PETER, b. May 16, 1760; enlisted in the Continental army for the remainder of the war, but died or was killed after serving 2 yrs., 10 mos. and 17 days.
vi. PHEBE, b. Feb. 8, 1763; d. Oct. 8, 1799; m. Nov. 13, 1780, John McClenathan, Jr., of Hubbardston, Mass., who afterwards m. again.
vii. ABIGAIL, b. 1765; d. 1767.
viii. RUFUS, b. April 10, 1767. Nothing further ascertained.
46. ix. DARIUS, b. Aug. 13, 1769.
47. x. THADDEUS, b. Sept. 1, 1771.
48. xi. PHINEAS, b. Sept. 15, 1776.

Child of David and Martha, born in Rutland:

49. i. SAMUEL BROWNING,[5] b. Nov. 27, 1784.

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JOSEPH[4] BENT (*Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), nail maker, of Middleboro', was born about 1704; died between 1758 and 1765, probably. He seems to have lived on his father's place. He married, Oct. 17, 1728, at Plympton, Jemima, born 1710, daughter of Francis Billington, Jr.

Children, all born in Middleboro', Mass.:

i. SARAH,[5] b. Jan. 27, 1730.
50. ii. JOHN, b. Feb. 27, 1732.
iii. ALICE, b. Jan. 16, 1734; m. Sept. 11, 1753, at Taunton, William Rayment (Raymond?).
51. iv. JOSEPH, b. Jan. 6, 1736.
v. WILLIAM, nail maker; m. Aug. 29, 1768, Sarah, dau. of Zabdiel Sampson of Plympton; was still living in Middleboro' in 1808.

25

JOSEPH[4] BENT (*Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Milton, Sept. 26, 1701; died at Albany, N. Y., Dec. 7, 1755. He lived on the Brush Hill Road, Milton; was selectman in 1741, moderator of the town meetings in 1753, '54, '55, and representative to the
5 General Court in 1753; in 1755, was captain in the Crown Point expedition, during which he died of dropsy. He married, Feb. 13, 1724, Martha Houghton, born April 24, 1701, died Dec. 4, 1766, daughter of Joseph and Jane Houghton of Milton.

Children, all born in Milton:

i. JOSEPH,[5] b. and d. 1725.
52. ii. LEMUEL, b. May 2, 1727.
iii. ABIGAIL, b. 1730; d. 1738.
iv. EUNICE, b. May 22, 1732; m. Dec. 6, 1750, William Pierce of Milton.
53. v. JOSEPH, b. March 9, 1735.
54. vi. WILLIAM, b. Nov. 13, 1737.
vii. MARTHA, b. 1739; d. 1740.
55. viii. RUFUS, b. March 10, 1742.

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JOHN[4] BENT (*Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), blacksmith, was born in Milton, Oct. 15, 1703. No record of death found. He married, Feb. 6, 1728, Elizabeth, b. Dec. 6, 1710, died May 7, 1750, daughter of William and Elizabeth Badcock of Milton.

Children, all born in Milton, Mass.:

56. i. JESSE,[5] b. Nov. 16, 1729.
ii. REBECCA, b. April 19, 1731.
iii. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 11, 1733.
iv. PRUDENCE, b. April 29, 1735; m. Dec. 6, 1761, Amaziah Crane of Milton.
v. SUSANNAH, b. Feb. 14, 1737; m. Dec. 6, 1762, Seth Crane, brother of Amaziah.
vi. RACHEL, b. 1739; d. 1742.
vii. LYDIA, b. Sept. 9, 1741; m. Dec. 6, 1760, Silas Houghton of Milton.
viii. SARAH, b. Nov. 7, 1743.

ix. RACHEL, b. Sept. 28, 1745; d. March 23, 1829, æ. 83; m. first, Dec. 6, 1763, Ezekiel Blake of Milton, and second (his fourth marriage), John Pierce, who d. in 1833, æ. 91.

57. x. JOHN, b. Aug. 4, 1747.

xi. NOAH, b. Sept. 2, 1749. Nothing further ascertained.

27

EBENEZER[4] BENT (*Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born April 23, 1712, in Milton, where he died February 15, 1786, æ. 73. He married, January 9, 1735, Deborah, born in Dedham, Mass.. May 23, 1714, died in Quincy, Mass., Aug. 17, 1798, daughter of Jonathan and Deborah Fairbank.

Children, all born in Milton, Mass.:

i. ELEANOR,[5] b. Sept. 28, 1735; m. Dec. 6, 1757, Elijah Underwood of Braintree, Mass.

58. ii. EBENEZER, b. Aug. 22, 1737.

59. iii. SAMUEL, b. March 1, 1739.

60. iv. NEDABIAH, b. Jan. 21, 1742.

v. MARY, b. Feb. 1, 1744; m. 1773, Samuel Newcomb of Braintree.

61. vi. JOHN, b. July 10, 1746.

vii. DEBORAH, b. July 8, 1748; d. in Dorchester, Aug. 13, 1833, æ. 85; m. June 19, 1777, Ebenezer Trescott (1732–1805) of Dorchester, Mass.

viii. SARAH, b. March 24, 1751; d. in Canton, Jan. 18, 1829, æ. 77; m. Nov. 21, 1770, Henry Bailey Withington, b. in what is now Canton, Mass., Aug. 4, 1743.

ix. ELIZABETH, b. April 13, 1754; d. unm. in Quincy, Nov. 29, 1840, æ. 86.

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PETER[5] BENT (*Peter*,[4] *Peter*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born Jan. 6, 1747, in Marlboro', Mass., where he died Aug. 31, 1801, æ. 54. He marched to Cambridge at the Lexington alarm, April 19, 1775, in Capt. Daniel Barnes's company, and was in the same company during the siege of Boston, May to December, 1775; lived on the old Bent place, and at his death bequeathed all of his lands in Marlboro', Westboro' and Southboro' to his sister's son, Daniel Stevens. He married, June 16, 1779, Anne Walker, who died May 11, 1781, æ. 27. No children.

29

JABEZ[5] BENT (*Peter*,[4] *Peter*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born Jan. 29, 1749, in Marlboro', where he died unmarried May 26, 1817, æ. 68, the last of the male line of Bents in Marlboro', where the family

had lived for over one hundred and fifty years. At the Lexington alarm, he was out six days in Capt. William Brigham's company, and afterwards (1777) was drafted for three years, but paid a fine instead of going. He was an assessor in 1787, and at his death made a bequest of one hundred dollars to the West Parish (Unitarian) of Marlboro', the income to be used for an annual lecture for the improvement of the young. This lecture is still given every year.

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THOMAS[5] BENT (*Thomas,*[4] *Hopestill,*[3] *Peter,*[2] *John*[1]) was born in Sudbury, July 4, 1738; died in Framingham in 1787, probably. He was in Capt. Moses Maynard's company of militia in 1757, and on the 19th of April, 1775, marched from Framingham to Concord as a corporal in Capt. Jesse Eames's company. He married Submit, born Dec. 3, 1742, daughter of John and Experience Parker of Framingham.

Children, all born in Framingham:

i. ALVAN,[6] b. June 3, 1769; m. Olive Rice. Nothing further of him.
ii. POLLY, b. April 5, 1771.
iii. BETSEY, bap. July 18, 1779.

31

JASON[5] BENT (*Thomas,*[4] *Hopestill,*[3] *Peter,*[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born May 9, 1750, in Sudbury, where he died Oct. 1, 1786, æ. 36. He marched to Concord, April 19, 1775, in Capt. Isaac Loker's company, and was out three days. He married, Aug. 17, 1773, Anne, born 1749, died Nov. 10, 1837, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Clough) Glover of Boston and Dorchester.

Children, all born in Sudbury:

i. ELIZABETH CLOUGH,[6] b. July 13, 1774; m. in 1794, Jabez Maynard of Stow, Mass., where she d. in 1810, leaving four children.
62. ii. THOMAS, b. Sept. 4, 1776.
63. iii. SEWALL, b. Oct. 9, 1778.
iv. ANNE (or Nancy), b. Oct. 9, 1780; d. in Palmer, Mass.; m. Sept. 1, 1806, Moody Tenney of Stow. Seven children.
v. JERUSHA, b. May 26, 1783; m. Jan. 1, 1803, Samuel Browne, Jr., of Sudbury, and moved to Rising Sun, Ind., where she died. Three children.
64. vi. JASON, b. Sept. 12, 1785.

32

SAMUEL[5] BENT (*Thomas,*[4] *Hopestill,*[3] *Peter,*[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Sudbury, Mass., Jan. 1, 1755; died in Fitzwilliam,

N. H., April 22, 1833, æ. 78. He marched to Concord on the eventful 19th of April, 1775, in Capt. Nathaniel Cudworth's company, and was out on an alarm twenty-six days, from Feb 4, 1776. A Revolutionary marker was placed over his grave by his descendants Sept. 7, 1896. He moved from Sudbury, Mass., to Fitzwilliam, N. H., in 1780, when the town was still young, and cleared a farm about a mile and a half from the Massachusetts line and some six miles south of Mt. Monadnock, the most prominent feature in the landscape. In 1790, he had ninety acres, but in 1805 he bought more land of Isaac Goodnow; the farm is still tilled by his descendants. Fitzwilliam, originally known as Monadnock Number Four, was incorporated in 1773, and is a typical New Hampshire farming town, sturdy, healthy, hilly and rock-ribbed.

Samuel married, Feb. 6, 1777, Molly, born March 7, 1755, died Oct. 8, 1838, æ. 83, daughter of William and Mary (Wheeler) Hunt of Sudbury, and a descendant of William Hunt (1605–1667), one of the earliest settlers of Concord, Mass.

Children, i. born in Sudbury, Mass., the others in Fitzwilliam, N. H.:

65. i. SAMUEL,[6] b. Feb. 10, 1778.
66. ii. MARY, b. April 24, 1780; m. Amos Pratt.
67. iii. MARTHA, b. Sept. 26, 1782; m. Moses Chaplin.
68. iv. WILLIAM HUNT, b. July 14, 1785.
69. v. HYMAN, b. Sept. 17, 1788.
vi. SALLY, b. Oct. 7, 1791; d. in Fitzwilliam, N. H., Aug. 11, 1830; m. May 24, 1812, Jonathan Locke, b. 1787, d. 1841. One child, *William Bent*[7] *Locke*, d. æ. about 20 yrs.
70. vii. ELISHA, b. Dec. 10, 1793.
71. viii. BETSEY, b. Aug. 9, 1796; m. Henry Shirley.
ix. NEWELL, b. Dec. 14, 1801; d. unm. in Fitzwilliam, N. H., May 14, 1857; lived with his brothers. A man of studious disposition; taught school winters; was on the school committee, and at his death left a fund for a district library.

33

JONATHAN[6] BENT (*Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born April 22, 1758, in the part of Sudbury now Wayland, but at the time of his marriage bought a farm in the north-east part of the present town of Sudbury, where he died in 1826, æ. 68. He marched to Concord, April 19, 1775, in Capt. Joseph Smith's company, and was in the Ticonderoga campaign in 1776, under Capt. Asahel Wheeler, in Col. John Robinson's regiment; was afterward captain of a company of militia, and for some years kept a tavern in North Sudbury, near the Concord line. He married first, March 12, 1778, Experience Smith; married second, April 10, 1803, Mrs. Ruth Rice, who died in Sudbury, Dec. 26, 1844, æ. 80, widow of Reuben Rice, and daughter of Israel Haynes of Sudbury.

Children of Jonathan and Experience, all born in Sudbury:

72. i. NEWELL,[6] b. Oct. 9, 1778.
ii. EXPERIENCE, b. May 21, 1780; m. July 22, 1798, Thomas Jenkinson of East Sudbury.
iii. POLLY, b. Oct. 28, 1782; m. Aug. 2, 1801, Daniel Haynes of Lincoln.
iv. LUCRETIA, b. Jan. 5, 1785; m. Feb. 24, 1802, Edward Wheeler of Weston.
v. HENRY, b. Aug. 4, 1787; d. young probably.
73. vi. HEZEKIAH, b. Nov. 21, 1789.
vii. BETSEY, b. July 28, 1791; m. Josiah Stearns(?) of Oakham.
74. viii. SAMUEL, b. Feb. 21, 1794.
ix. NANCY, b. Nov. 12, 1798; m. April 6, 1823, Joseph Osborn of Sudbury.

Children of Jonathan and Ruth, both born in Sudbury:

75. i. THOMAS,[6] b. April 11, 1804.
ii. ELIZA, b. Feb. 28, 1806; m. 1828, Isaac Miles of Concord.

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SILAS[5] BENT (*Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Sudbury, Mass., April 14, 1744; died in Belpre, Ohio, April 4, 1818, æ. 74. In 1760, from April until December, as a lad of sixteen, he saw service in Capt. Ephraim Jackson's company in Canada in the old French and Indian war. In 1766, or possibly in 1765, soon after his marriage, he moved from his native town to Barre, then called Rutland District, but a year or two later removed to Rutland, a fine old hill town in the very centre of Massachusetts. His farm was in the east part of the town, near the Princeton line. At the Lexington alarm, in 1775, he marched to Cambridge as a private in Capt. Thomas Eustis's company, and was out twelve days. From May to December, 1775, he was ensign in Capt. Adam Wheeler's company, in Col. Ephraim Doolittle's regiment, in service around Boston. Jan. 1, 1776, he was 1st Lieut. in the 4th Continental Infantry, and early in 1781 1st Lieut. in the 6th Continental Infantry, Col. Thomas Nixon. July 1, 1781, he was commissioned Lieut.-Colonel of the 7th Regiment Mass. Militia, and this office he seems to have held until he left Rutland in 1789, when the family set out in an ox-cart for the great North-west Territory, then a wilderness abounding in game of all kinds, now the home of millions of human beings. Death claimed one of the children ere the new home was reached. Early the year before, Gen. Rufus Putnam, also from Rutland, where his old home is yearly visited by hundreds of historical pilgrims, had led the pioneer band that prepared the way for the first settlers, over the mountains and down the Ohio river. In July the first families began to arrive. At the place they named Marietta the first town was started over the re-

mains of another race, the ancient mound builders. Of this settlement, Hon. George F. Hoar said at the time of its centennial in 1888: "The company who came to Marietta with Rufus Putnam, April 7, 1788, came to found, not one state but five, whose institutions they demanded should be settled before they started by an irrevocable compact. * * * * The Indian and the Frenchmen had dwelt here, but could not hold their place. The forty-eight men who went there a hundred years ago founded the first American civil government whose jurisdiction did not touch tide-water." Gen. Putnam and two hundred and eighty more Revolutionary officers had sent some years before a petition to President Washington, asking that they be paid in land rather than in the worthless currency of the times. The result was the formation of the Ohio Company. Col. Bent had one share in the company, and that entitled him to 1173⅓ acres. His son Silas went ahead and prepared the way, it seems. The family remained in Marietta a few months and then, in 1790, with others, laid the foundation of Belpre (sixteen miles down the Ohio river), where the remainder of his days were spent.

Silas Bent married, June 24, 1765, Mary Carter, born in Sudbury, Mass., March 22, 1747, died in Belpre, Ohio, June 10, 1831, æ. 84, daughter of Jonathan and Susanna Carter.

Children, i. born in Barre, the others in Rutland, Mass.:

i. MARY,[6] b. 1766; d. 1768.
76. ii. SILAS, b. May 16, 1768.
77. iii. POLLY, b. Sept. 23, 1769; m. George Smith, Jr.
78. iv. SUSAN, b. April 21, 1771; m. Joel Oakes.
v. ABIGAIL, b. 1773; d. 1774.
vi. PERSIS, b. 1775; d. young, probably.
vii. NAHUM, b. 1777; d. 1778.
79. viii. NAHUM, b. Nov. 17, 1778.
80. ix. ABNER, b. Sept. 22, 1780.
81. x. DORCAS, b. Aug. 9, 1782; m. William Dana.
82. xi. DANIEL, b. Feb. 3, 1785.
xii. CHARLOTTE, b. Aug. 1, 1787; d. young, probably.

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JOEL[5] BENT (*Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born Feb. 22, 1750, in Sudbury, but moved while in his teens to Barre, Mass., where he died Nov. 25, 1812, æ. 62. He marched to Cambridge upon receipt of the news of the Concord fight; commissioned captain in the 7th Regiment Mass. Militia, July 1, 1781, when his brother Silas became Lieut.-Colonel; was selectman, 1781–82, 1795–98, 1801–03; town clerk, 1796–1803 and 1809, 1810; moderator nineteen times; representative to the General Court, 1801–1804. He married, July 13, 1768, Mary Mason, who died in Barre, Jan. 2, 1840.

Children, all born in Barre, Mass.:

i. SARAH,[6] b. Oct. 17, 1768; m. Rev. Joseph Kilburn of Wendell, Mass., b. in Sterling, Mass., Nov. 23, 1755, graduated from Harvard 1777, ordained in 1783 at Wendell, where he d. Feb. 27, 1816.

83. ii. JOEL, b. Nov. 27, 1770.

iii. MARY, b. Feb. 18, 1773; was living in Barre, unm., in 1825.

iv. ANNA, b. June 30, 1775; m. Phineas Osgood of Wendell.

84. v. SAMUEL, b. July 19, 1778.

vi. ABIGAIL, b. Aug. 6, 1780; m. Dec. 25, 1814, Morris Lincoln.

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STEPHEN[5] BENT (*Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Sudbury, July 15, 1752; died in Sterling, N. Y., May 19, 1822, æ. 69. He was a Revolutionary soldier. At the time of his marriage, he seems to have been living in Hollis, N. H., but soon after moved to the south-west part of the (then) new town of Dublin, N. H., near the foot of Mt. Monadnock; about 1816 or 1817 they went in a wagon to Sterling, near Oswego, N. Y. He married, in 1782, Mrs. Elizabeth (Wright) Darby, a native of Wilmington, Mass., and widow of Tarbox Darby.

Child, born in Dublin, N. H.:

85. i. STEPHEN,[6] b. Nov. 22, 1783.

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RUFUS[5] BENT (*Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born Feb. 13, 1755, in (East) Sudbury, now Wayland, where he died Nov. 28, 1821, æ. 66. He married, Jan. 13, 1777, Mary, born July 25, 1758, lived to be ninety-eight it is said, daughter of Daniel and Dorothy Wyman of Sudbury.

Children, all born in East Sudbury, Mass.:

i. MARY,[6] b. March 16, 1778.

ii. HANNAH WALDO, b. Sept. 3, 1779; d. unm. in East Sudbury, March 20, 1818, æ. 38.

iii. DANIEL WYMAN, b. Oct. 17, 1781.

iv. RUFUS, b. Aug. 12, 1784; was in Boston in 1807 and in New York city in 1813.

86. v. DAVID JACKSON, b. about 1787.

87. vi. HENRY, b. Oct. 10, 1789; m. 1816, Olivia Harriman of Bangor, Me.

vii. WILLIAM, b. June 19, 1792.

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NATHAN[5] BENT (*Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in East Sudbury, Mass., March 12, 1760; died in Winchester, N. H., after 1833. Though a lad of only fifteen, he was fifer during

the siege of Boston in 1775, and saw considerable other Revolutionary service, for which he drew a pension for several years from 1819; perhaps lived a few years in Douglas, Mass., where he bought land with house, corn-mill and barn in 1787; was back in East Sudbury again surely in 1796, but the following year moved to Winchester, in south-western New Hampshire. He married, Aug. 28, 1777, Abigail, born Jan. 31, 1759, daughter of Micah and Abigail Goodnow of Sudbury.

Children:

i. NANCY.[6]
ii. MICAH, b. 1785?; m. 1808, Sarah Jennings.
iii. ABIGAIL, m. 1803, John Bogle of Winchester, N. H.
iv. SUSANNAH, b. 1796.
88. v. ELIJAH, b. 1799.
And probably others.

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DAVID[5] BENT (*Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Sudbury, Mass., March 18, 1739; died in Annapolis Valley, N. S., about 1795, æ. 56. About 1760, he moved to Annapolis County, where he was one of the first of the New England settlers to take up the lands made vacant by the expulsion of the Acadians five years before. The Annapolis valley is an excellent farming country, and, according to the census of 1770, David Bent had one hundred and sixty-four acres of land, eight cows, two oxen, seven young cattle and ten sheep; the homestead is some fourteen miles above Annapolis town, and the region is locally known as Bentville. He married Mary, daughter of Ebenezer Felch of Annapolis, N. S., formerly of Massachusetts.

Children, all born in Annapolis, N. S. (order of births uncertain):

89. i. MICAH,[6] b. about 1762.
ii. EBENEZER, twin of preceding; d. young.
90. iii. DAVID, b. in 1764.
iv. SARAH, m. John Poole.
91. v. WILLIAM, b. about 1767.
vi. POLLY (MARY), b. in 1769; d. in Lexington, Mass., May 19, 1809; m. Solomon Harrington. Six children.
92. vii. JOSEPH, b. about 1771.
93. viii. STEPHEN, b. May 12, 1775.
94. ix. ASAPH.
x. DORCAS, m. Isaac Longley, b. in Annapolis Co., N. S., 1771. They had eight children, including *David Bent Longley*,[7] b. 1806.
95. xi. SILAS.
xii. ELIZABETH, d. unm.

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WILLIAM[5] BENT (*Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), blacksmith, was born June 8, 1741, in East Sudbury, now Wayland, where he died April 26, 1829, æ. nearly 88; was a sergeant in Capt. Joseph Smith's company at the time of the Concord fight; probably saw other Revolutionary service. He married Abigail Bruce of Chelmsford, Mass., born 1755, died 1845, æ. 90.

Children, all born in East Sudbury, Mass.:

96. i. WILLIAM,[6] b. Oct. 7, 1783.
ii. SAMUEL, b. March 26, 1786; d. in Boston at the age of sixteen, and was buried in Copp's Hill burial ground, it is said.
97. iii. MICAH, b. Sept. 23, 1788.
iv. NABBY, b. 1791; d. young.
98. v. GEORGE, b. Sept. 11, 1793.
99. vi. JASON, b. March 28, 1796.
vii. DAVID, b. Sept. 7, 1799; drowned in Johnson's Pond, East Sudbury, July 5, 1819.

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MATTHIAS[5] BENT (*Matthias*,[4] *John*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born Sept. 15, 1752, in Framingham, where he died Feb. 4, 1826, æ. 73. He was a sergeant in the Revolutionary war, town treasurer from 1787 to 1798, and a deacon, serving town and church in peace and war. He married first, Oct. 26, 1780, Mrs. Mary Coolidge, born June 11, 1756, died Dec. 26, 1790, daughter of Nathaniel Bridge and widow of William Coolidge, Jr., of Waltham. He married second, Jan. 21, 1796, Isabella Babcock of Waltham, who died Jan. 3, 1817, æ. 51.

Children by first marriage, all born in Framingham:

i. MARY,[6] b. and d. 1781.
ii. ABIGAIL, b. Sept. 10, 1782; d. unm. in Bath, N. H., Sept. 28, 1841. The author of "The Happy Merchant" and several other Sunday School tales.
iii. NANCY, b. July 8, 1784; d. unm. Dec. 6, 1869, æ. 85.
iv. MARTIN, b. 1786; d. in infancy.
v. MATTHIAS, b. 1788; d. in infancy.

Children by second marriage, all born in Framingham:

i. MARY,[6] b. July 12, 1800; d. unm. Sept. 7, 1823.
ii. ISABELLA ADAMS, b. Oct. 29, 1806; d. unm. Oct. 20, 1889.
iii. LUCY CUSHING, b. Jan. 12, 1810; d. in Framingham, July 20, 1890, æ. 80; m. Dec. 1, 1835, Frederick A. Billings (1798–1883) of Boston, proprietor of several stage lines; moved to Framingham in 1852. Four children: 1. *Frederick A.*,[7] b. Sept. 27, 1836. 2. *George C.*, b. June 15, 1845. 3. *Mary A.*, b. Sept. 10, 1849; m. Nov. 15, 1885, Lewis D. Jackson of Boston. 4. *Edmund K.*, b. Sept. 9, 1853.

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JOHN[5] BENT (*John*,[4] *John*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Framingham, July 16, 1752; date of death not ascertained. He was a Revolutionary soldier; private in 1775 and 1776, sergeant in 1777 and 1st lieutenant in 1779 and 1780. He married Sarah, daughter of John Stone of Holliston. She died September, 1843, æ. 83.

Children, born in Framingham, Mass.:

i. PATTY[6] (MARTHA), b. July 31, 1782; d. April 1, 1865, æ. 82; m. 1802, Isaac Dench of Framingham, where he d. Feb. 17, 1828, æ. 53. Four children: 1. *Susan S.*,[7] b. 1803; d. 1823. 2. *Gilbert*, b. 1805; d. 1828. 3. *John B.*, b. 1808. 4. *Isaac*.

ii. SALLY, b. March 12, 1784; m. Jan. 10, 1815, Capt. John Hemenway (1776–1836) of Framingham, his second marriage. Four children: 1. *Philip Payson*,[7] b. 1817. 2. *Henry*, b. 1818. 3. *William C.*, d. young. 4. *Gilbert*.

iii. JOHN, b. April 27, 1787; entered the U. S. service, and d. unm.

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JOSIAH[5] BENT (*John*,[4] *John*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Framingham, Oct. 29, 1755; date and place of death not ascertained. He was a Revolutionary soldier; marched to Concord, April 19, 1775; was in service around Boston the rest of the year; sergeant in service in Rhode Island 1780. He married, about 1781, Mary, born 1761, daughter of John Abbe of Hopkinton, and moved soon after to Petersham, Mass., it is said.

Children, born in Petersham, Mass.:

i. POLLY,[6] b. Sept. 20, 1782.

ii. BETSEY, b. March 4, 1786.

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DAVID[5] BENT (*David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Rutland, Mass., April 3, 1756; died in Mt. Holly, Vt., Jan. 1, 1832, æ. 75. He saw some service in the latter part of the Revolution (October, 1781), in Capt. John Spoor's company, in Col. John Ashley's regiment, that marched to Stillwater; moved about 1776 from Rutland to Templeton, Mass., and thence, about 1786, with his brother-in-law Joseph Green, to Mt. Holly, Vt., where he was one of the first settlers; town clerk in 1797. Mt. Holly, which was incorporated in 1792, lies in a depression of the Green Mountains, about fifteen miles south-east of Rutland, Vt., and was on the old stage road from Boston to Rutland and the north. He married, April 26, 1775, Phebe Whittemore, born Nov. 5, 1756, died April 15, 1848, æ. 91, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Earle) Whittemore of Paxton, Mass., and a descendant of Thomas

Whittemore, who settled in Charlestown (the part now Everett), Mass., in 1645.

Children, i. born in Rutland, Mass.; ii. to viii. born probably in Templeton, Mass.; ix. to xiv. born in Mt. Holly, Vt.:

i. MOLLY,[6] b. Oct. 30, 1775; m. first, ——— Pierce; m. second, Corliss Hines.

100. ii. PETER, b. June 8, 1777.

101. iii. RELIEF (LEPHE), b. April 20, 1779; m. Dr. Oliver Guernsey.

102. iv. DAVID, b. Oct. 23, 1780.

v. PHEBE, b. June 18, 1782; m. ——— Clark, and moved to Akron, Ohio.

103. vi. BETSEY (twin), b. Aug. 19, 1784; m. Darius Green.

vii. PATTY (twin), b. Aug. 19, 1784; d. in Chicago, Ill., Aug. 7, 1857, æ. 73; m. Nov. 17, 1805, Samuel Beach Walker of Middlebury, Vt., b. in Whiting, Vt., Dec. 17, 1784, d. in Chicago, Ill., Oct. 16, 1842. Eight children, the oldest of whom, *S. Bent Walker*,[7] b. in Whiting, Vt., Feb. 21, 1807, d. in Chicago, Feb. 26, 1887, was proprietor of a famous stage line to Chicago from the East.

viii. TAMAR, b. Aug. 24, 1786; d. Oct. 1, 1874, æ. 88; m. first, Daniel Shaw of Rutland, Vt., where he was jail keeper for for many years; m. second, ——— Demery of Wethersfield, Vt.

ix. SALLY, b. Aug. 16, 1788.

x. GEORGE W., b. Feb. 13, 1790; d. in Watertown, N. Y., June 1, 1829, leaving a son *George*,[7] who d. in De Pauville, N. Y., Sept. 22, 1892.

104. xi. EARL FRANCIS, b. March 10, 1792.

105. xii. SILAS PROCTOR, b. March 16, 1794.

xiii. CLARISSA, b. May 2, 1796; d. in Mt. Holly, Vt., Dec. 6, 1879, æ. 83; m. Jedediah Hammond of Mt. Holly, Vt.

106. xiv. THOMAS W., b. Feb. 16, 1798.

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LUCY[5] BENT (*David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Rutland, Mass., June 4, 1758; died in Mt. Holly, Vt., Feb. 14, 1822, æ. 63. She married, June 26, 1774, Joseph Green of Leicester, Mass. (Jabez,[4] Joseph,[3] Henry,[2] Thomas[1]), b. Dec. 30, 1751(?), died in Mt. Holly, Vt., Oct. 25, 1815; they, with her brother David, were among the first settlers of Mt. Holly, Vt.

Children:

i. JOSEPH GREEN,[6] b. Feb. 12, 1777; d. Jan. 17, 1795.

ii. ABSALOM GREEN, b. Jan. 30, 1779; d. Nov. 18, 1812; m. Polly Kendall.

iii. LUCY GREEN, b. Sept. 6, 1781; d. March 21, 1796.

iv. CHARLOTTE GREEN, b. March 17, 1784; d. April 14, 1789.

v. DARIUS GREEN, b. June 18, 1786; m. his cousin Betsey Bent.

vi. BETSEY GREEN, b. March 20, 1789; d. April 22, 1820; m. Dr. ——— Guild.

vii. CHARLOTTE GREEN, b. Jan. 17, 1791; d. April 17, 1840.
viii. HARRIET GREEN, b. July 20, 1793; d. Jan. 22, 1873.
ix. JOSEPH LINES GREEN, b. May 16, 1797; d. May 8, 1825; m. Rebecca Reed of Ludlow, Vt.
x. SOPHRONIA GREEN, b. Feb. 3, 1800; m. J. H. Draper.

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DARIUS[5] BENT (*David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Rutland, Mass., Aug. 13, 1769; d. in Montreal, Canada, August, 1832, æ. 63. About 1806, he moved to Boston, where he was a house-wright; soon after, however, he located permanently in Montreal. He married, March 9, 1797, Isabel, daughter of John and Martha (Dickee) Boice.

Children, i. to iv. born in Rutland; v. born in Boston:

i. ISABELLA,[6] b. Dec. 6, 1797; d. unm.
ii. PATTY, b. Sept. 7, 1799; d. in Montreal in 1878; m. first, Peter Macintosh; m. second, James Court. Four children by first marriage: 1. *Niel*.[7] 2. *Isabella G.* 3. *John.* 4. *Frances*, m. D. A. Watt. Four children by second marriage: 1. *Grace*.[7] 2. *Janet*, m. William Brown of Glasgow, Scotland. 3. *James.* 4. *William.*
iii. LUKE, b. April 16, 1801; d. in Montreal; received a medical education in Edinburgh, Scotland, and practised in Mascouche, near Montreal; m. Euphemie Lorrin. No children.
iv. JOHN, b. Aug. 16, 1803; d. young.
107. v. GEORGE, b. Dec. 4, 1806.

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THADDEUS[5] BENT (*David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born Sept. 1, 1771, in Rutland, Mass. He moved about 1800 to Rutland, Vt., where he died Oct. 2, 1814, æ. 43. He married Abigail ———, who died July 19, 1814. Two epidemics swept away the entire family, with one exception.

Children, i. to iii. b. in Rutland, Mass.; iv. to viii. born in Rutland, Vt.:

i. ROXA,[6] b. April 23, 1794; d. July 16, 1821; m. ——— Pratt. Two children: 1. *Thaddeus*[7] *Bent Pratt.* 2. *Eliza Abigail Pratt*, m. Beaman B. Clark.
ii. JOEL HAYWARD, b. July 16, 1797; d. Oct. 10, 1814.
iii. DAVID, b. July 6, 1799; d. Aug. 23, 1821.
iv. ABIGAIL, b. 1801; d. Sept. 29, 1821.
v. THADDEUS, b. 1804; d. Sept. 9, 1814.
vi. EZEKIEL J., b. 1807; d. Oct. 14, 1814.
108. vii. ALPHONSO, b. 1810.
viii. DELINDA, b. 1812; d. Sept. 15, 1821.

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PHINEAS[5] BENT (*David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Rutland, Mass., Sept. 15, 1776; died in Fletcher, Vt., Feb. 21, 1841, æ. 64. He married, Dec. 31, 1798, Polly Frink of Rutland, Mass., born July 11, 1778, died in Jerico, Vt., about 1863, æ. 85. About 1803 they moved from Rutland, Mass., to Underhill, Vt., at the foot of Mt. Mansfield, the highest of the Green Mountains. Some ten years later they removed to Jerico, Vt., south of Underhill.

Children, i. to iii. born in Rutland; iv. to vii. born in Underhill; viii. to xii. born in Jerico:

i. HORATIO G.,[6] b. 1799; d. 1801.
ii. ELIZABETH R., b. 1801; d. 1802.
iii. WILLIAM F., b. 1802; d. 1802.
iv. ELIZABETH R., b. 1804; d. 1806.
v. JOHN F., b. 1806; d. 1808.
vi. WILLIAM A., b. Dec. 26, 1809; m. ——— Castle; went West. Three children.
vii. ELIZA A., b. Aug. 8, 1811; d. in Stockholm, N. Y.; m. April 6, 1848, William Davis. No children.
viii. JOHN E., b. 1814; d. 1816.
109. ix. JAMES B., b. Nov. 23, 1816.
x. DARIUS E., b. 1819; d. 1820.
xi. DARIUS E., b. Sept. 24, 1821; living in Eau Clair, Wis. Three children.
xii. LEONORA A., b. 1824; d. 1827.

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SAMUEL BROWNING[5] BENT (*David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]), who was named after his uncle, Lieut. Samuel Browning (1740–1783), was born in Rutland, Mass., Nov. 27, 1784, and moved in 1818 to Middlebury, Vt., where he died Dec. 4, 1858, æ. 74. He was a manufacturer of machine cards. He married first, Jan. 1, 1807, Hannah, born in Spencer, Mass., Feb. 13, 1786, died in Rutland, Mass., Sept. 7, 1813, daughter of Oliver Watson, Jr. (1743–1826), a Revolutionary soldier. He married second, March 13, 1816, Catherine Avery, born in Holden, Mass., Feb. 3, 1788, died in Hoyleton, Ill., Oct. 3, 1865, daughter of Rev. Joseph Avery* (1751–1824), who graduated from Harvard in 1771, and preached in Holden from 1774 until his death. Mrs. Catherine Bent, who is described as a woman of remarkable beauty, both in person and in mind, lived after the death of her husband with her daughter in Tarrytown, N. Y., but died while on a visit to her son.

Children of Samuel B. and Hannah, all born in Rutland, Mass.:

* Rev. Joseph Avery m. 1777, Mary Allen, dau. of James Allen, tailor, of Boston, by his 2d wife, Mary Adams, an elder sister of the Revolutionary patriot Sam Adams.

i. MARTHA MARIA,[6] b. Jan. 12, 1808; d. June 11, 1824.
ii. ELIZABETH REBECCA, b. Jan. 14, 1810; d. Nov. 6, 1825.
110. iii. SAMUEL WATSON, b. Oct. 27, 1811.
iv. Infant son, b. and d. Sept. 5, 1813.

Children of Samuel B. and Catherine, i. born in Rutland, Mass.; ii. to vi. b. in Middlebury, Vt.

i. CATHERINE,[6] b. Feb. 17, 1817; living in New Haven, Conn.; m. Sept. 19, 1839, Rev. Edward Osborne Dunning, b. in New Haven, March 12, 1810, d. in New Haven, March 23, 1874. Five children: 1. *Katherine*,[7] b. July, 1840; d. in Lexington, Ky., in 1892; a graduate of Mt. Holyoke Seminary, Hadley, Mass.; m. in 1867, Maj. Morris Clark, a portrait painter; seven children. 2. *Antoinette*, b. Nov. 21, 1843; living in Washington, D. C.; m. Aug. 17, 1869, Alexander D. Anderson, attorney-at-law; five children. 3. *Virginia*, b. Aug. 28, 1845; m. Adoniram J. Carter, who d. in Chicago, Ill.; two children. 4. *Edward*, b. Nov. 14, 1847; d. young. 5. *Minnie O.*, b. Dec. 1, 1850; living in Minneapolis, Minn.; m. Charles H. Leary; one child.
111. ii. MARY AVERY, b. Jan. 7, 1819; m. Rev. Jonathan Blanchard.
iii. HANNAH WATSON, b. June 5, 1821; d. in Peoria, Ill., Sept. 18, 1884; while in her teens went to live in her sister's home in Cincinnati, O.; m. first, Oct. 9, 1845, Silas Tyner, a merchant of Brookville, Ind.; m. second, May 17, 1865, Hon. Moses Pettengill of Peoria, Ill., merchant, philanthropist, deacon and State senator, b. April 16, 1802, d. Nov. 9, 1883. By her first husband she left one son, *Blanchard Tyner*,[7] b. Oct. 17, 1850, who added the name of Pettengill, and lives in Worcester, Mass.
112. iv. JOSEPH AVERY, b. April 22, 1823.
v. MARIA ALLEN, b. April 5, 1825; living in Tarrytown, N. Y.; m. Oct. 1, 1849, George Merritt Nichols, a wholesale hardware merchant of Shreveport, La., b. in Middlebury, Vt., June 12, 1813, d. in Tarrytown, N. Y., Oct. 29, 1863; came north at the outbreak of the civil war. Six children: 1. *Edward*,[7] d. Jan. 7, 1892; was President of Brooks Locomotive Works at Dunkirk, N. Y. 2. *Kate*, d. æ. 15 mos. 3. *Howard Walter*, lives in Tarrytown, but is in the real estate business in New York city. 4. *Sophia May*, living, unm., in Tarrytown, N. Y. 5. *Gertrude*, living, unm. in Tarrytown, N. Y. 6. *George Herbert*, living, unm., in Tarrytown, N. Y.
113. vi. GEORGE, b. March 29, 1827.

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JOHN[5] BENT (*Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), nail maker, was born in Middleboro', Feb. 27, 1732; died in Middleboro', 1806, æ. 74; lived on the old place near the Plympton line. He married, May 16, 1753, Bethia Morse of Middleboro'.

Children, all born, probably in Middleboro':

114. i. FRANCIS,[6] b. March 10, 1754.
ii. HANNAH, m. in Carver, Nov. 6, 1795, Eli Shaw.
115. iii. JOHN, b. February, 1763.
116. iv. EXPERIENCE, b. about 1764.
117. v. WILLIAM, b. 1767.
vi. CHARITY, b. 1769; d. unm. in Middleboro', Sept. 27, 1849, æ. 80.
118. vii. ZENAS, b. 1771.
viii. ABIAH, m. Feb. 18, 1796, Joseph Morse.
ix. MERCY, m. Nov. 17, 1800, Hilkiah Tinkham.

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JOSEPH[5] BENT (*Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), mariner and sailmaker, was born in Middleboro', Mass., Jan. 6, 1736; died in Yarmouth, N. S., Jan. 8, 1816, æ. 80; lived in Middleboro' and the then adjoining town of Plymouth until 1772, when he moved to Yarmouth, N. S. (The settlement of Yarmouth was begun in 1761, but Plymouth fishermen doubtless knew the Nova Scotia shore before that.) He married, in 1759, Elizabeth Waterman, born in Plymouth, Mass., 1737, died in Yarmouth, N. S., sister of Elkanah, and daughter of John and Hannah (Cushman) Waterman of Plymouth.

Children, all born, probably, in Plymouth, Mass.:

119. i. JOSEPH.[6]
120. ii. ELKANAH.
121. iii. JAMES.

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LEMUEL[5] BENT (*Joseph*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), blacksmith and tavern keeper, was born May 2, 1727, in Milton, where he died Jan. 6, 1774, æ. 46. In 1755, he was a lieutenant under Col. John Winslow at the taking of Fort Beau Séjour (Cumberland) at the beginning of the warfare which ended in the expulsion of the Acadians from Nova Scotia. April 29, 1759, he was authorized to beat his drums for enlistment of soldiers for His Majesty's service in a regiment of foot for a general invasion of Canada. From May, 1759, to January, 1760, he was at Crown Point with his company, and in 1761 at Halifax. In 1770 and 1772, Capt. Bent was selectman. His widow, Milatiah (maiden name not ascertained), died Oct. 20, 1796, æ. 67. She evidently kept the tavern, which was on the Canton turnpike at the corner of what is now Atherton Street, after her husband's death, as shown by the following advertisement that appeared in the *Boston Gazette*, Feb. 23, 1784: "On Friday next at 2 o'clock will be sold by Public Vendue at the house of the Widow Bent Innholder in Milton, a number of Lots of Woodland Pasture and Orcharding lying in the town of Milton

and belonging to his Excellency Gov. Hancock. The above land has been lately surveyed and laid out in convenient Lots for the purchasers and conditions of sale may be known by applying to Russell & Clap." A part of the woodland was on what is now known as Hancock Hill in the Blue Hills.

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JOSEPH[5] BENT (*Joseph*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), blacksmith, was born March 9, 1735, in Milton (Mass.), where he died Jan. 9, 1774, æ. 38. He married, Dec. 6, 1758, Mehitable, daughter of Capt. John Crehore of Milton. She died Aug. 2, 1795, æ. 70.

Children, all born in Milton:

i. RUTH,[6] b. Jan. 5, 1759.
ii. EUNICE (twin), b. Nov. 18, 1761.
iii. LOIS (twin), b. Nov. 18, 1761; d. unm. July 28, 1799.
122. iv. JOSEPH, b. Aug. 21, 1762.

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WILLIAM[5] BENT (*Joseph*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Milton, Mass., Nov. 13, 1737; died in Canton, Mass., Oct. 17, 1806, æ. nearly 69. He moved about 1763 to the quaint little village of Ponkipog, immortalized by Thomas Bailey Aldrich, who has a summer home there. Aldrich says of it: "After the black bass and wild duck, solitude is the chief staple. * * * The nearest railway station (Heaven be praised!) is two miles distant and the seclusion is without a flaw. Ponkipog has one mail a day; two mails would render the place uninhabitable." Originally an Indian settlement, within the bounds of the town of Dorchester, it became a part of Stoughton in 1726, and was included in the new town of Canton in 1797. Canton was the home in his later years of Gen. Richard Gridley and, in 1801, another Revolutionary hero, Paul Revere, founded there the Revere Copper Works, which are still in active existence.

William Bent became a man of considerable local prominence. In the Canadian invasion of 1759, in the old French and Indian war, he was a sergeant. At the time of the Lexington alarm, he marched with Capt. Asahel Smith's company, but remained only a few days, came back, and recruited a company, at the head of which he marched April 27, to Roxbury, where he was ordered. In October, 1775, he was in the 36th regiment, Continental army. During the war, when not in service, he purchased and delivered supplies to the families of the soldiers. For many years he kept the Eagle Inn, a great resort for old-time gentlemen and Federalists. "During the piping times of peace," says the historian of Canton, "Bent had leisure to devote to town affairs and parish matters."

He attended to the painting of the meeting house and on Sundays took charge of the boys in the gallery. The supply of the pulpit was in his hands and the candidates were well entertained at the old inn. He was one of the committee to prepare the bill for the separation of Canton from Stoughton, and many of the meetings were held there. Here also were held the trials for small offences. He continued to keep the Eagle until his death, when it was taken by his son, William, who ran it until about 1824. The building is still in existence, though reduced in size. Capt. William married, Nov. 24, 1763, Chloe Blackman, born in Canton, Oct. 16, 1740, died in Canton, March 12, 1820, æ. 79, daughter of George and Thankful* (Redman) Blackman, and a descendant of John Blackman of Dorchester, 1640.

Children, all born in what is now Canton:

i. LEMUEL,[6] b. Nov. 21, 1764; d. 1765.
123. ii. LEMUEL, b. Feb. 17, 1766.
iii. NATHANIEL, b. Feb. 23, 1770; lived in Virginia; d. at sea unm. sometime after 1806.
iv. WILLIAM, b. 1773; d. 1774.
124. v. WILLIAM, b. Nov. 13, 1775.
vi. JAMES, b. and d. 1778.
125. vii. CHLOE, b. March 9, 1781; m. Thomas Dunbar.
126. viii. JAMES, b. Dec. 31, 1784.

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RUFUS[5] BENT (*Joseph*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), house-wright, was born in Milton, March 10, 1742; date of death not ascertained. He moved about 1772 or 1773 to Boston; was living in Marietta, O., in 1798. He married, Dec. 6, 1767, Mrs. Ann McKenzie, born 1741, died July 31, 1807, widow of Andrew McKenzie of Dorchester, and daughter of Alexander Middleton, who came from Scotland about 1735.

Children, i. to iii. born in Milton:

127. i. ANN,[6] b. June 19, 1768.
ii. MARY, b. June 18, 1770; d. unm.
iii. RUFUS, b. May 2, 1772; d. at sea Jan. 25, 1794, æ. 21.
128. iv. PRUDENCE, m. 1794, Silas Kinsley.
v. MARTHA, m. Dec. 17, 1797, Bethuel Allen of Canton.
vi. SARAH, d. 1836; m. Charles Barnard (1781–1869), an old time Boston merchant, of the firm of Barnard, Adams & Co., Commercial Wharf; their son, Rev. Charles Francis Barnard (1808–1884), a rare philanthropist, founded the Warren St. Chapel, now known as the Barnard Memorial.

*Thankful Redman (1701–1783) was the first white child born in what is now Canton. Her father, Charles, lived on the estate recently occupied by the late Hon. Henry L. Pierce, the millionaire chocolate manufacturer in Ponkipog.

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JESSE[5] BENT (*John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer and blacksmith, was born in Milton, Mass., Nov. 16, 1729; moved about 1764 to Fort Lawrence, N. S., where he died Dec. 6, 1816, æ. 87. He married, Dec. 6, 1758, Hannah Vose of Milton, who died Dec. 8, 1816, æ 81. Mrs. Bent had been an invalid for many years, and survived her husband's death but two days.

Children, i. to iii. born in Milton; iv. to xii. born in Fort Lawrence, N. S.:

129. i. ARETHUSA,[6] b. Dec. 24, 1759; m. Jan. 7, 1779, Ephraim Church.
130. ii. MARTIN, b. April 16, 1762.
131. iii. JACOBINA, b. Jan. 26, 1764; m. Nehemiah Ayer.
132. iv. CYNTHIA, b. April 22, 1766; m. George Oxley.
133. v. TRYPHENIA, b. Oct. 1, 1767; m. Luke Harrison.
134. vi. EUNICE, b. March 31, 1769; m. Samuel Freeman of Amherst, N. S.
135. vii. EBENEZER VOSE, b. March 3, 1771.
136. viii. JESSE, b. 1773.
ix. JOHN, b. March 12, 1775; d. Dec. 1, 1780.
137. x. HANNAH, b. Nov. 29, 1777; m. William McAllan.
138. xi. LEMUEL, b. October, 1783.

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JOHN[5] BENT (*John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Milton, Mass., Aug. 4, 1747; date of death not ascertained. He followed his brother to Nova Scotia and located in Amherst. He married Mary Lunt of Eastport, Me.

Children, all born in Amherst, N. S. (order of births not ascertained):

i. MARY,[6] m. William Black.
ii. BETSEY, m. Thomas Logan.
iii. CLEMENTINA, m. Gilbert Purdy.
iv. HARRIET, m. William Chapman.
v. BINA.
vi. SAMUEL, d. young.
139. vii. JOHN.
140. viii. DANIEL.
141. ix. WILLIAM WHITE, b. Jan. 7, 1800.
142. x. EZRA.

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EBENEZER[5] BENT (*Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Milton, Aug. 22, 1737, and died in Milton, Sept. 10, 1796, æ. 59. He was in Capt. Josiah Vose's company, that guarded the seashore, April 13 to 26, 1776, after the evacuation of

Boston. He married first, Dec. 6, 1765, Hannah, born Dec. 25, 1742, daughter of Nathaniel and Sarah Shepherd of Milton; married second, July 9, 1771, Ruth Crouch, born 1741, died Nov. 4, 1816, daughter of William and Sarah (Humphrey) Crouch of Dorchester.

Children of Ebenezer and Hannah, both born in Milton:

i. ELIZABETH,[6] b. Aug. 31, 1766; d. in Dedham, Mass., Feb. 6, 1857, æ. 90; m. first, July 2, 1789, John Wentworth Bussey of Canton, b. Nov. 16, 1763; m. second, Aug. 4, 1796, Ebenezer Farrington, Jr., of Dedham, b. Dec. 25, 1759, d. April 10, 1848.

143. ii. SHEPHERD, b. Nov. 27, 1768.

Children of Ebenezer and Ruth, all born in Milton:

144. i. WILLIAM,[6] b. April 27, 1772.

145. ii. SARAH, b. April 7, 1774; m. Sept. 13, 1794, James Blake, Jr., brother of Sukey F. Blake.

146. iii. ADAM, b. March 17, 1776; m. Sukey F. Blake.

iv. JERUSHA, b. July 15, 1779; d. in Boston; m. Ebenezer Trescott. Seven children: 1. *Caroline.*[7] 2. *Mary Ann.* 3. *Eliza.* 4. *Charles.* 5. *Helen.* 6. *Emeline.* 7. *Sarah.*

v. LEMUEL, b. Aug. 31, 1781; d. unm.

vi. HANNAH, b. July 15, 1783; d. in Boston; m. Arnold Hayward. Two children: 1. *George.*[7] 2. *Charles H.*, living in Boston.

147. vii. EBENEZER, b. March 29, 1788.

148. viii. CHARLES, b. Jan. 18, 1790.

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SAMUEL[5] BENT (*Ebenezer,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]) was born in Milton, Mass., March 1, 1739, and died in Granville, N. S., in 1827, æ. 88. The story is that he was apprenticed to a Capt. John Wade of Ipswich(?), Mass., a carriage and chair maker, and, toward the end of his term of service, enlisted in a company, commanded by his master, for the campaign against the French in Canada, and, in that capacity, assisted in the reduction of Quebec by Gen. Wolfe in September, 1759. The family tradition is as follows: Toward the close of the battle on the Plains of Abraham, when victory seemed certain, a call was made for a flag staff. Young Bent volunteered to improvise one from the many tall firs which lined the heights. After it had been set in position it was found that in the hurry of the moment the necessary halyard had not been made fast to the top. After several had tried in vain to climb the flag staff, Bent asked permission to try it and succeeded in reaching the top with the line in his teeth. The flag was attached and the officer in command ordered that the young soldier should have the honor of hoisting the flag of victory. About 1760, or 1761, he and Capt. Wade went to Granville, N. S., among the first

to take up the lands made vacant by the expulsion of the Acadians, and here he lived the rest of his life, near the place where the first French settlement in Nova Scotia was made in 1604. He married, in 1764, Rachel Ray.

Children, all born in Granville, N. S.:

149. i. SAMUEL,[6] b. June 6, 1765.
150. ii. NEDABIAH, b. 1767.
151. iii. SETH, b. 1769.
152. iv. JESSE, b. 1771.
v. JAMES, b. 1772.
153. vi. JOHN, b. 1774.
vii. RACHEL, b. 1777; m. John Elliott.
viii. NANCY, b. 1779; m. John Fritz.
154. ix. EBENEZER, b. 1783.
155. x. ELIAS, b. 1785.
156. xi. CHARLES, b. 1787.

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NEDABIAH[5] BENT (*Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born Jan. 21, 1742, in Milton. He moved to Braintree, the part incorporated in 1792 as Quincy, where he died, May 28, 1816, æ. 74. In 1759, when only 17 years old, he was in a company bound for Lake George, in one of the campaigns of the French and Indian War; but during the Revolution he was a Royalist. In 1787 he is called a victualler. He married, Feb. 8, 1769, Miriam Ruggles of Braintree, who died in Quincy, Sept. 23, 1834, æ. 86.

Children, all born in what is now Quincy, probably:

157. i. NEDABIAH,[6] b. about 1771.
158. ii. LEMUEL, b. about 1773.
iii. JOANNA, m. 1798, Samuel Baxter.
159. iv. ISAAC.
v. POLLY, m. 1809, Ebenezer Pratt.
vi. HARRIET, b. about 1786; d. March 10, 1810, æ. 24.
vii. FANNY, b. about 1788; d. Nov. 18, 1803, æ. 15.
160. viii. WILLIAM, b. about 1791.

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JOHN[5] BENT (*Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Milton, July 10, 1746, and died in Milton, Jan. 12, 1817, æ. 70. He was one of those that marched to Dorchester Heights when the forts were erected that caused the British to evacuate Boston in March, 1776; a Revolutionary marker has been placed on his grave. He married, Dec. 11, 1769, Hannah Coller of Dedham, born in Needham, March 4, 1746, and died in Milton, Aug. 8, 1816, æ. 70, daughter of Joseph and Hannah Coller.

Children, all born in Milton:

161. i. JOSIAH,[6] b. April 26, 1771.
ii. SAMUEL, b. Dec. 8, 1772; d. unm. of consumption, Dec. 14, 1797.
iii. ELIJAH, b. Nov. 19, 1773; d. young.
162. iv. JOHN, b. Nov. 13, 1778.
v. SUKEY; m. ——— Myers.
163. vi. NATHANIEL, b. 1783.
vii. HANNAH, b. about 1786; d. Jan. 5, 1826, æ. 40; m. first, March 30, 1806, Minott Adams; m. second, Joseph Ewell, Jr.
viii. JOSEPH, d. unm. in Milton, æ. about 60.

SIXTH GENERATION.

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THOMAS[6] BENT (*Jason*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Sudbury, Sept. 4, 1776, and died in Sudbury, March 28, 1848, æ. 71. He married, in 1807, Sarah Patch, born in Stow, June 8, 1782, and died in Sudbury, May 16, 1869, æ. 87, daughter of John and Isabel (Jewett) Patch.

Children, all born in Sudbury:

164. i. NEWELL,[7] b. Nov. 15, 1807.
ii. ISABELLA J., b. March 9, 1809; d. in Sudbury, May 18, 1887, æ. 78; m. first, Sept. 15, 1857, Jesse Shattuck (1802–1864) of Pepperill, and second, Feb. 4, 1874, her father's cousin, Thomas[6] Bent (*q.v.*).
165. iii. WILLIAM GLOVER, b. Nov. 21, 1810.
166. iv. THOMAS ELBRIDGE, b. June 18, 1812.
v. JOHN HASTINGS, b. May 28, 1814; d. Jan. 13, 1873, in Concord, where most of his life was spent; farmer, stock trader and real estate dealer; m. April 19, 1840, Sarah Woodman of Boston. No children.
167. vi. JONATHAN PATCH, b. Feb. 26, 1817.
168. vii. RUFUS HURLBURT, b. May 3, 1820.
viii. SARAH ANN, b. July 4, 1826; d. in Sudbury, unm., March 21, 1847.
ix. LUCY JANE, b. May 15, 1828; d. in Sudbury, unm., Dec. 13, 1846.

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SEWELL[6] BENT (*Jason*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Sudbury, Oct. 9, 1778. He moved about 1805, or 1806, to the adjoining town of Stow, where he died, Sept. 11, 1854, æ. nearly 76. He married, April 10, 1806, Lydia Patch of Stow, born June 8, 1782, died June 6, 1858, twin sister of Sarah, who married his brother Thomas.

Children, all born in Stow:

169. i. JOHN PATCH,[7] b. April 22, 1807.
ii. ANNA GLOVER, b. Dec. 16, 1808; d. Oct. 7, 1828.
iii. JOSIAH JASON, b. April 18, 1811; d. Jan. 21, 1833.
iv. HANNAH MILLER, b. Aug. 6, 1813; d. in Michigan, February, 1892, æ. 78; m. Paul H. Whitcomb, who d. in Boxboro', Mass., March, 1875.
170. v. THOMAS HASTINGS, b. Sept. 15, 1815.

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JASON[6] BENT (*Jason,*[5] *Thomas,*[4] *Hopestill,*[3] *Peter,*[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Sudbury, Sept. 12, 1785, and died in Sudbury, Aug. 27, 1872, æ. nearly 87. He married first, April 10, 1810, Asenath Fairbanks of Framingham, who died Aug. 30, 1834, æ. 51; married second, May 7, 1835, Mrs. Martha Plympton, born in Stirling, Mass., in 1791, died in Sudbury, Sept. 30, 1866, daughter of John Ewers and widow of Ebenezer Plympton.

Children, all born in Sudbury:

i. ELIZABETH CLOUGH,[7] b. May 5, 1811; d. in Wayland, Mass., Oct. 14, 1880; m. May 21, 1843, Thaddeus Garfield* of Sudbury. Two children: 1. *Mary Mossman,*[8] b. April 28, 1844. 2. *George Henry,* b. Nov. 22, 1847.
171. ii. DANIEL FAIRBANKS, b. Oct. 19, 1815.
172. iii. ASAHEL WHEELER, b. Feb. 13, 1818.
iv. HARRIET SOPHIA, b. April 1, 1823; m. March 27, 1851, Jonathan C. Dakin of Sudbury, where she still lives. No children. He d. Sept. 13, 1894.
v. MARY ANN, b. Feb. 5, 1826; d. in Sudbury, March 1, 1880; m. May 5, 1847, Calvin Morse of Sudbury. Three children: 1. *Emma Irene.*[8] 2. *Theodore Warren.* 3. *Calvin Jones.*

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SAMUEL[6] BENT (*Samuel,*[5] *Thomas,*[4] *Hopestill,*[3] *Peter,*[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Sudbury, Feb. 10, 1778, taken to Fitzwilliam, N. H., with his parents in 1780, and there lived till about 1810, when he removed to Stockbridge, Vt., where he died, March 20, 1854, æ. 76. He married, Oct. 9, 1804, Ruth Pratt of Fitzwilliam, born Sept. 9, 1782, died Dec. 9, 1872, æ. 90, having outlived all of her descendants. She was a daughter of Reuben and sister of Amos, who married Samuel Bent's sister. Nearly all of their children died in infancy; only one married:

i. MARY ANN,[7] b. Oct. 13, 1808; d. in Stockbridge, Vt., Feb. 13, 1848; m. November, 1841, George W. Reynolds, and had one son, *George W.*[8] *Reynolds, Jr.,* who d. Jan. 3, 1864, æ. 19 yrs. 3 mos. 24 days.

* A descendant of Edward Garfield (or Gearfield), one of the early settlers of Watertown, Mass., and ancestor of President Garfield.

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MARY[6] BENT (*Samuel*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born April 24, 1780, in Fitzwilliam, N. H., where she died June 16, 1864, æ. 84. She married, Nov. 28, 1798, Amos Pratt (1775–1839) of Fitzwilliam.

Children of Amos and Mary (Bent) *Pratt*, all born in Fitzwilliam:

i. Infant,[7] b. and d. 1799.
ii. CURTIS PRATT, b. 1800; d. 1812.
iii. MARY PRATT, b. Sept. 27, 1802; d. June 27, 1839; m. Jan. 24, 1822, Timothy Metcalf, Jr., of Rindge, N. H.
iv. CANDACE PRATT, b. Jan. 4, 1805; d. in Rindge, N. H., Sept. 4, 1884; m. Dec. 1, 1825, Oratio Putnam Allen of Rindge, N. H.
v. LAURA ANN PRATT, b. April 23, 1807; d. in Jaffrey, N. H., Aug. 24, 1856; m. first, Dec. 13, 1827, Gilman Eveleth (1799–1841) of Dublin, N. H., and second, Abel Marshall (1789–1871) of Fitzwilliam, N. H.
vi. REUBEN BANISTER PRATT, b. April 21, 1809; d. in Fitzwilliam, April 7, 1877; m. Ann Maria Haskell, and had: 1. *Granville Reuben*.[8] 2. *Nelson Edwin*. 3. *Eliot Almond*. 4. *Eliza Ann*. 5. *Albert Henry*.
vii. SARAH PRATT, b. Jan. 17, 1812; d. in Rindge, N. H., Feb. 6, 1895; m. Austin A. Bradford.
viii. HYMAN CURTIS PRATT, b. March 12, 1815; d. Oct. 13, 1839; m. Sally Bemis.
ix. AMOS SABIN PRATT, b. Oct. 2, 1817; d. Nov. 27, 1863; m. Callephina Handy.
x. WARREN S. PRATT, b. 1819; d. 1824.
xi. SYLVESTER PRATT, b. 1821; d. young.
xii. CAROLINE PRATT, b. 1823; d. 1825.
xiii. Son, b. 1824; d. 1827.

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MARTHA[6] BENT (*Samuel*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born Sept. 26, 1782, in Fitzwilliam, N. H., where she died, Nov. 11, 1867. She married, Sept. 25, 1800, Moses Chaplin (1777–1859), son of Micah and a descendant of Hugh Chaplin of Rowley, Mass., 1642.

Children of Moses and Martha (Bent) *Chaplin*, all born in Fitzwilliam:

i. MARY CHAPLIN,[7] b. Dec. 23, 1801; d. in West Townsend, 1888; m. Sept. 15, 1825, Martin Streeter (1801–1861) of Fitzwilliam, and had: 1. *Edwin*.[8] 2. *Anson*. 3. *Elmon*. 4. *Alvin*. 5. *Sophia D.*
ii. LURENA CHAPLIN, b. Jan. 22, 1803; d. in Winchendon; m. first, Dec. 30, 1824, Elisha Gregory, Jr. (1798–1838), and second, May 27, 1847, Jonas Brooks (1813–1859). By the first mar-

riage she had: 1. *John Milton*,[8] who m. Betsey A., dau. of Henry and Betsey (Bent) Shirley. 2. *Martha C.* 3. *Mary E.* 4. *Eliza Caroline*, who m. Loammi B. Underwood of Rindge, N. H. 5. *Adelaide Lurena*, m. first, Alpheus C. White, and 2d, Julius Hale of Winchendon.

iii. MILTON CHAPLIN, b. April 7, 1805; d. in Fitzwilliam, Jan. 1, 1893; m. Nov. 30, 1830, Caroline Allen (1811–1891), and had: 1. *Frances Adé*,[8] m. Philip S. Batcheller of Fitzwilliam, and had one dau., Ida Louise,[9] who m. Isaac F. Paul of Boston. 2. *Elliott Milton*, lives at Sand Spring, Iowa. 3. *Martha Alicia*, m. Charles Newton (1834–1893) of Fitzwilliam, N. H.

iv. JULIA CHAPLIN, b. Oct. 1, 1807; d. in Fitzwilliam, Oct. 26, 1844; m. Aug. 8, 1826, Lyman Deeth (1804–1842), and had: 1. *Moses Sumner*.[8] 2. *Julia Ann*. 3. *Martha A.* 4. *Lyman C.* 5. *Jane R.* 6. *Martin Streeter*, who m. first, Jane E. Bent.

v. ANSON CHAPLIN, b. 1810; d. 1812.

vi. ROXANNA CHAPLIN, b. Oct. 18, 1812; d. in Winchendon 1893; m. first, Nov. 27, 1833, Ephraim W. Weston of Winchendon, who d. Oct. 29, 1854; m. second, Oct. 16, 1861, Edwin Parks of Winchendon. One son, *Irving E.*[8] (1835–1889) by the first marriage.

vii. and viii. Infants (twins), d. 1815.

ix. ELISHA CHAPLIN, b. Oct. 27, 1816; d. in Fitzwilliam, N. H., Aug. 30, 1897; m. first, Jan. 31, 1844, Sarah R. Marshall (1824–1875) of Jaffrey, N. H.; m. second, Jan. 8, 1879, Abbie, sister of his first wife, and widow of his brother Moses. Two children by first marriage: 1. *Martha Abbie*,[8] m. Willis A. Stiles. 2. *Marshall Elisha*.

x. WILLIAM CHAPLIN, b. 1820; d. 1822.

xi. MARTHA CHAPLIN, b. 1823; d. 1840.

xii. MOSES CHAPLIN b. Sept. 22, 1828; d. Nov. 13, 1870; m. Nov. 26, 1850, Abbie Marshall, dau. of Abel of Fitzwilliam, and had: 1. *Emma Frances*,[8] m. Almancer J. Streeter. 2. *Julia Roxana*, m. Elisha M. Bent. 3. *Winfield Marshall*, m. Abbie F. Reed.

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WILLIAM HUNT[6] BENT (*Samuel*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) farmer, was born July 14, 1785, in Fitzwilliam, N. H., and died in Townsend, Mass., July 23, 1866, æ. 81. He married first, Dec. 3, 1815, Margaret Brooks of Winchendon, who died July 10, 1825, æ. 35; married second, Betsey, daughter of Isaac Taylor of Winchendon. Betsey died May 13, 1860, æ. 62.

Children of William H. and Margaret, both born in Fitzwilliam:

173. i. LEVI BROOKS,[7] b. Sept. 12, 1817.

ii. ELIZA, b. 1824; d. 1824.

Children of William H. and Betsey, all born in Fitzwilliam:

174. i. WILLIAM,[7] b. Jan. 18, 1828.
ii. BETSEY, b. Aug. 27, 1831; d. in Townsend, Mass., May 14, 1871; m. Samuel Woodley of Townsend, who d. in Detroit, Mich., October, 1896. No children.
iii. HARRIET, b. Feb. 13, 1838; d. April 7, 1855.
iv. LAURA ABBY, b. Nov. 1, 1841; living in Townsend; m. Dec. 31, 1868, Charles W. Hildreth of Townsend. No children.

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HYMAN[6] BENT (*Samuel*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born Sept. 17, 1788, in Fitzwilliam, N. H., where he died Dec. 21, 1872, æ. 84. He was probably named for his mother's brother, Haman Hunt. With the exception of a year and a half spent in Boston previous to his marriage, he lived on a farm, cleared about 1790 by another Sudbury settler, Isaac Goodnow, in the south-eastern part of Fitzwilliam. The following, written in 1888, is from a tribute by his second son:

Hyman Bent was a man of untiring industry, and he had a faculty of turning off work with ease and rapidity that bordered on the marvellous. He worked on the eight hour system, but it was eight hours in the forenoon and eight hours in the afternoon. He was an early riser, usually up at four o'clock in the morning, and in the short days of winter his chores would be all done and he, with his axe, a mile away, like proud Edward at Bannockburn, "waiting for the break of day to glimmer in the east," that he might commence his battle.

To subdue an ordinary New England farm, and support a family from it, required energy, perseverance and heroism. But our hero, with a stubborn farm and a rapidly increasing family, was equal to the task. He was devoted to his family, and he is remembered as very often and very cheerfully sitting down before the old open fire-place with his children after those long days of toil, to sing to them, and with them, some spirited hymns or patriotic songs.

What to others might have been a weary round of toil, to him was cheerful duty. He was

"Pleasant as the air of evening
When it floats among the trees."

and yet he was firm as the rock of ages, and in his family government was master of the situation. He was always interested in town affairs, making special efforts to attend all town meetings. He believed in having good schools, good roads, and in progress generally, and so he always paid his part of the tax cheerfully. In 1831 and 1832, he was one of the selectmen of the town. Politically and socially his aim was to establish an aristocracy of true principal.

In religion, he made few professions, and fewer pretensions. He needed neither, no more than substance needs a shadow. The spirit of the golden rule shone forth from his every-day life. He had a steady love of good and a steady scorn of evil. To "do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly" was his ambition. He did not sigh for grand achievements, but his aim was to do each little duty well. With him each day was a worthy record, and the sum a faithful life.

Hyman Bent and three of his children lived to have their golden weddings remembered, and all of his children that married (ten) celebrated their silver weddings. He married, Aug. 27, 1817, Levinah Johnson Allen, born in Shrewsbury, Mass., July 15, 1797, died in Fitzwilliam, N. H., Nov. 13, 1883, daughter of Rev. Arunah Allen (1767–1853), and a descendant of Walter Allen of Newbury, Mass., 1640.

Children, all born in Fitzwilliam:

175. i. SAMUEL,[7] b. Dec. 23, 1817.
176. ii. ELIZA, b. Oct. 25, 1819.
177. iii. LURENE, b. Oct. 2, 1821.
178. iv. ARUNAH ALLEN, b. Jan. 29, 1823.
179. v. SUSAN, b. Dec. 30, 1825.
180. vi. MARIA, b. Oct. 13, 1828.
181. vii. ELMINA, b. June 16, 1830.
viii. SARAH, b. Jan. 5, 1832; living unm. in Gardner, Mass. Until 1883, she made her home on the old farm in Fitzwilliam, N. H.
182. ix. CHARLES ORRA, b. June 4, 1835.
183. x. FRANCES FLORA, b. Oct. 27, 1838.
184. xi. RODERIC LESLIE, b. March 22, 1843.

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ELISHA[6] BENT (*Samuel*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Fitzwilliam, N. H., Dec. 10, 1793; died in Fitzwilliam, Nov. 13, 1865, æ. nearly 72. He took the farm his father cleared and always lived there. He married, June 23, 1831, Nancy, born Nov. 11, 1800, died April 30, 1885, daughter of William Robbins of Winchendon, Mass.

Children, all born in Fitzwilliam:

i. NEWELL,[7] b. 1832; d. 1837.
ii. MARY ANNA, b. Jan. 8, 1834; living in Orange, Mass.; m. March 15, 1881, Jonah Davis of Orange, where he d. April 11, 1888.
iii. EUNICE R., b. 1835; d. 1837.
iv. JANE E., b. Jan. 13, 1837; d. Nov. 30, 1868; m. April 7, 1857, Martin Streeter Deeth, b. Jan. 30, 1836. No children. He m. again, Feb. 2, 1870, Nancy A. Stiles, and lives in Fitzwilliam, N. H.
v. ELMINA, b. 1838; d. 1841.
vi. LOIS, b. 1839; d. 1841.
vii. NANCY MARIA, b. June 2, 1842; m. May 11, 1875, Caleb G. Cox, who has a farm in Fitzwilliam, N. H.
185. viii. ELISHA MELZO, b. Aug. 6, 1845.

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BETSEY[6] BENT (*Samuel*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born Aug. 9, 1796, in Fitzwilliam, N. H., where she died Jan.

23, 1851. She married, Feb. 20, 1823, Henry Shirley of Fitzwilliam, born March 22, 1796, died April 21, 1869, son of John Shirley (1755–1848), a Revolutionary soldier, who moved from Sudbury to Fitzwilliam in 1799. John was a son of Fenners Shirley who came from England in 1755 and settled in Sudbury.

Children of Henry and Betsey (Bent) Shirley, all born in Fitzwilliam:

i. MARY SUBMIT[7] SHIRLEY, b. Aug. 20, 1824; d. in Manchester, Vt., Sept. 19, 1876; m. first, George Bissell, who d. Dec. 28, 1852, æ. 36; m. second, Levi Phillips (1814–1865).

ii. JOHN WARREN SHIRLEY, b. Dec. 2, 1825; still living; m. Nov. 3, 1850, Ellen Maria, dau. of John J. Allen.

iii. WILLIAM HENRY SHIRLEY, b. Oct. 1, 1827; d. in Winchendon, Mass., Feb. 3, 1892; m. Dec. 15, 1853, Caroline C. Williams of Keeseville, N. Y. Three children: 1. *Florence F.*,[8] b. 1855; d. 1856. 2. *Flora A.*, b. Jan. 31, 1858; d. March 22, 1876. 3. *Harry A.*, b. Sept. 15, 1865; m. July 30, 1896, Anna Robinson of Worcester, N. Y., and moved immediately to Salem, N. C.

iv. BETSEY ANN SHIRLEY, b. Oct. 11, 1829; living in Sunderland, Vt.; m. Nov. 22, 1848, John Milton Gregory. Seven children: 1. *Addis Leslie.*[8] 2. *Clarence Edgar.* 3. *Ella Caroline.* 4. *Emma Lurena.* 5. *William Henry.* 6. *Florence Edna.* 7. *Mary Effie.*

v. NANCY SHIRLEY, b. 1832; d. 1837.

vi. CATHERINE SHIRLEY, b. 1835; d. 1837.

vii. SARAH J. SHIRLEY, b. 1837; d. 1837.

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NEWELL[6] BENT (*Jonathan*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Sudbury, Mass., Oct. 9, 1778; died in Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 13, 1831, æ. 52. He taught school in Weston before marriage, soon after which he located in Cambridgeport, where he had a lumber wharf and was largely interested in real estate; was a justice of the peace and a bank director; selectman, 1822 to 1824; representative to the Legislature, 1824 to 1826. He married, Oct. 3, 1805, Betsey Kendall, daughter of Joshua and Susannah Shattuck of West Cambridge (now Belmont). She died in Ludlow, Vt., Sept. 1, 1854, æ. 69; buried in Mt. Auburn.

Children, all born in Cambridge:

i. ELIZA ANN,[7] b. Aug. 7, 1806; d. in Claremont, N. H., Aug. 23, 1838; m. Nov. 21, 1837, Joel Gillingham.

186. ii. NEWELL, b. March 5, 1810.

iii. SUSAN MARIA, b. March 11, 1814; d. Dec. 21, 1874; m. Feb. 7, 1833, Joseph Porter.

iv. MARY KENDALL, b. 1822; d. 1825.

v. MARY LUCRETIA, b. April 19, 1826; d. Feb. 20, 1855; m. Jan. 20, 1848, Robert Henry Fuller.

vi. FANNIE LORETTA, b. March 22, 1828; d. in Cambridge, Mass., March 18, 1896; m. March 5, 1855, Abijah Richardson, attorney-at-law, b. in Turner, Me., June 6, 1823, d. in Roxbury, Mass., Feb. 20, 1874. Two children: 1. *Edith*,[8] b. 1867. 2. *William Bent*, b. 1869.

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HEZEKIAH[6] BENT (*Jonathan*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Sudbury, Nov. 21, 1789; died in Holden, Mass., Feb. 27, 1867, æ. 77; moved from Sudbury to Holden about 1820. He was in a company of grenadiers in 1822. He married, in 1815, Polly Colburn, of Lincoln, Mass., born Oct. 11, 1792, died in Holden, Aug. 16, 1879, daughter of John Colburn.

Children, i. and ii. born in Sudbury; iii. and iv. born in Holden:

i. MARY ANN,[7] b. July 4, 1816; d. in Worcester, Mass., Oct. 26, 1852; m. in 1840, George H. Smith of Holden. Five children.

ii. SARAH RICE, b. July 3, 1819; m. April 10, 1838, John Bisco Moore of Worcester. Six children.

iii. ELIZA STONE, b. May 10, 1829; m. first, in April, 1852, Jones Chaffin of Holden, and moved to Worcester. He d. in January, 1861, and she m. second, in 1863, Thomas L. Bugbee of Worcester, who d. April 11, 1890. No children.

iv. NANCY OSBORNE, b. Sept. 21, 1830; d. in Worcester, Mass., July 9, 1864; m. George A. Willard of Worcester. One son.

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SAMUEL[6] BENT (*Jonathan*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Sudbury, Feb. 21, 1794; died in Sudbury, July 4, 1863, æ. 69. He married first, March 20, 1825, Anna Haynes of Sudbury. He married second, May 25, 1831, Mary Savary of Lincoln, Mass., born in Boston, October, 1801, died in Sudbury, April 1, 1878, daughter of Henry and Mary Savary. No issue by first wife.

Children of Samuel and Mary, both born in Sudbury:

i. SAMUEL,[7] b. March 13, 1832; d. in Sudbury from a fall in his barn July 19, 1885; m. Nov. 29, 1860, Harriet E. Haynes. No children.

ii. MARY CHARLOTTE, b. Aug. 17, 1834; living in Ashland, Wis.; m. April 4, 1857, Edward McIntyre of Cambridge, Mass. Two children: 1. *Edward B.*[8] 2. *Sarah Agnes*, m. Samuel Wheeler of Concord, Mass.

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THOMAS[6] BENT (*Jonathan*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Sudbury, April 11, 1804; died in

Sudbury, Sept. 26, 1881, æ. 77. He married first, Dec. 1, 1831, Keziah Carr, born July 12, 1812, died Jan. 14, 1873, daughter of Ezra and Mary Carr of Sudbury. He married second, Feb. 4, 1874, Mrs. Isabella J. Shattuck, daughter of his cousin Thomas Bent. She died May 18, 1887, æ. 78.

Children of Thomas and Keziah, all born in Sudbury:

187. i. LUCIUS PHILIP,[7] b. June 14, 1833.
188. ii. THOMAS ALBERT, b. July 31, 1835.
189. iii. CYRUS ANDERSON, b. Feb. 1, 1840.
iv. CHARLES EDWARD, b. Sept. 8, 1844; living in Somerville, Mass.; m. Nov. 20, 1870, Maria Theresa, dau. of Casimir and Theresa Bechler of Baltimore, Md. No children.
190. v. GEORGE HENRY, b. May 8, 1846.
191. vi. FRANCIS EUGENE, b. Dec. 30, 1848.

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SILAS[6] BENT (*Silas*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), lawyer and judge, was born in Rutland, Mass., May 16, 1768, died in St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 20, 1827, æ. 59. In 1788 or 1789, he went to Marietta, Ohio, to prepare the way for his parents, who were among the earliest permanent settlers of the Northwest Territory; soon after he began the study of law with Philip Dodridge at Wheeling, (West) Virginia. Upon the completion of his studies, he decided to embark in a mercantile career and opened a store in Charleston, in what is now West Virginia. In January, 1802, he was made postmaster of Brooke Court house, Virginia, and in 1803 became a deputy in the office of Rufus Putnam, who was surveyor-general. Feb. 17, 1804, he was commissioned by Gov. Edward Tiffin an associate judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Washington County, in his old home in southern Ohio. In July, 1805, he became deputy surveyor under Jared Mansfield, surveyor-general. In July, 1806, he was appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury, Albert Gallatin, principal deputy surveyor for the great but little known territory of Louisiana, only recently (1803) purchased from Napoleon, and ordered to St. Louis, which he reached Sept. 17, 1806. Aug. 20, 1807, he was appointed by Frederick Bates, secretary and acting governor of Louisiana, "first judge of the Court of Common Pleas and the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the District of St. Louis." In November, 1808, he was appointed, by Gov. Meriwether Lewis, auditor of public accounts for the district of St. Louis. Nov. 9, 1809, he was made presiding judge of the St. Louis Court of Common Pleas, and on that day signed the first charter for the town of St. Louis. Jan. 5, 1811, Frederick Bates, acting governor, appointed him auditor of public accounts, and in September following, he was commissioned judge of the Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions by Gov. Ben-

jamin Howard. Feb. 21, 1813, President Madison commissioned him judge of the Supreme Court of Missouri Territory, and on Jan. 21, 1817, he was re-commissioned as such by President Monroe, and held the office until it was abolished by the admission of Missouri* into the Union in 1821, when he became clerk of the St. Louis County Court which, in addition to the county business, exercised probate jurisdiction. This office he held until his death six years later. (See "Reminiscences of the Bench and Bar of Missouri," by W. V. N. Bay, St. Louis, 1878.)

It will thus be seen that Judge Bent was a pioneer of two great states, and that almost his entire life was spent in the public service; and the fact that no complaint was ever made against him is good evidence of his ability and integrity. He was not only an able jurist, but a man of varied and extensive information, just such a man as the government needed in the early settlement of the West. He had a fine residence at Carondalet, now South St. Louis.

Silas Bent married Martha Kerr, born June 8, 1778, died Aug. 19, 1833, æ. 55, of Virginia. Her early home was near Winchester.

Children, i. to iii. born in (West) Virginia; iv. in Ohio; v. to xi. in St. Louis, Mo.:

192. i. CHARLES,[7] b. Nov. 11, 1799.
193. ii. JULIANNAH, b. July 18, 1801; m. Lilburn W. Boggs.
194. iii. JOHN, b. May 31, 1803.
195. iv. LUCY, b. March 8, 1805; m. Joseph Russell.
196. v. DORCAS, b. March 12, 1807; m. Judge William C. Carr.
197. vi. WILLIAM, b. May 23, 1809.
198. vii. MARY, b. Jan. 25, 1811; m. Major Jonathan L. Bean, U. S. A.
viii. GEORGE, b. April 15, 1814; d. at Bent's Fort, Col., Oct. 23, 1846, æ. 32.
ix. ROBERT, b. Feb. 23, 1816; d. at Bent's Fort, Oct. 20, 1841, æ. 25. His remains, with those of his brother George, were afterwards removed to St. Louis.
x. EDWARD, b. Sept. 14, 1818; d. May 5, 1824.
199. xi. SILAS, b. Oct. 10, 1820.

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POLLY[6] BENT (*Silas*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Rutland, Mass., Sept. 23, 1769; died in Orwell, Ohio, Dec. 18, 1857, æ. 88. She married, Feb. 12, 1789, George Smith, Jr., born in Rutland, Mass., June 19, 1761, died in Orwell, Ohio, June 17, 1844, æ. 83, son of Lieut. George and Jane (McElwain) Smith of Rutland. George, Jr., was a private in Capt. Ralph Earll's company, in Col. Danforth Keyes's regiment, from July 10, 1777, to Jan. 3, 1778. Soon after marriage they moved to Peru, Berkshire Co., Mass., and afterward lived in the

* Missouri's territorial organization dates from 1812.

adjoining town of Worthington; in 1836, they moved to Orwell, Ohio.

Children of George and Polly (Bent) Smith:

i. JOHN[7] SMITH, b. July 19, 1789; d. in Dorset, O., Feb. 29, 1880; m. 1817, Charlotte Cottrell, and had: 1. *John C.*[8] 2. *Mary B.*, m. Chester Chapin. 3. *Alexander H.* 4. *George E.* 5. *Philander.* 6. *Lucy Ann*, d. unm. 7. *Pomeroy H.* 8. *Rufus C.*

ii. JANE SMITH, b. Jan. 19, 1791; d. unm. Feb. 1, 1817.

iii. GEORGE SMITH, b. Jan. 3, 1793; d. 188–; settled in Greenville, Tenn., about 1820; has a son William, attorney, of Mansfield, O.

iv. CHARLOTTE SMITH, b. Sept. 20, 1794; d. in Windsor, O., April 3, 1884; m. 1832, Owen Stoughton (1795–1874), and had: 1. *Sumner*, b. July 21, 1833. 2. *Maria C.*, b. Dec. 9, 1836; m. Edwin D. Gleason, and has Charles S.[9] and Maud.

v. SUMNER SMITH, b. Jan. 20, 1796; d. unm. in or near Belpre, O., Nov. 9, 1822.

vi. RENSELAER SMITH, b. June 2, 1798; d. June 22, 1863; m. Electa Clark, and had: 1. *Susan.*[8] 2. *Franklin.* 3. *Solomon.* 4. *Sophronia.* 5. *Delia.* 6. *Dorothy.* 7. *Elisif.* 8. *Electa.* 9. *Silas.*

vii. SEWELL SMITH, b. 1799; d. 1800.

viii. SOPHRONIA SMITH, b. 1801; d. 1802.

ix. SOPHRONIA SMITH, b. Nov. 23, 1803; d. in Cleveland, O., Aug. 7, 1883; m. Ralph Blair, and had *John*[8] and a dau. *M. L.*

x. POMEROY SMITH, b. Nov. 28, 1805; d. Nov. 6, 1868; m. Jan. 1, 1833, Louisa C. Burnell (1807–1885), and had: 1. *Sarah L.*[8] 2. *Caroline S.* 3. *Trowbridge P.* 4. *Henry S.* 5. *Clayton B.*

xi. CYNTHIA SMITH (twin), b. Nov. 9, 1807; d. July 6, 1893; m. Newton Walcott, and had: 1. *Helen.*[8] 2. *Julia.* 3. *Charles.*

xii. ORSAMUS SMITH (twin), b. Nov. 9, 1807; d. Dec. 31, 1886; m. first, Melinda Clapp of Deerfield, O., and had: 1. *Frances.*[8] 2. *Horatio M.*, major, U. S. A. 3. *George.* He m. second, Almira Kendall of Deerfield, O., and had: 1. *William O.* 2. *Emma.* Both of whom lived in Orwell, O.

xiii. FRANKLIN SILAS SMITH, b. March 15, 1810; d. Dec. 31, 1888; m. Martha Jane Ruby, and had: 1. *Edward.*[8] 2. *Marion.* 3. *Newell.* 4. *Ella.* 5. *Lewis.*

xiv. DOROTHY SMITH, b. March 4, 1815; d. in Windsor, O., Oct. 17, 1896; m. March 2, 1837, Earl Clapp of Windsor, O., and had nine children: 1. *Mary*,[8] m. Lester Clark. 2. *Corral William.* 3. *George Merit.* 4. *John.* 5. *Dwight Monroe.* 6. *Earl.* 7. *Emma*, m. Horace A. Bowyer. 8. *Eusebius.* 9. *Alice Genevera.*

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SUSAN[6] BENT (*Silas*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Rutland, Mass., April 21, 1771; died in Little Hocking,

Ohio, April 5, 1865, æ. 94. She married, about 1795, Joel Oaks of Newbury,* Ohio.

Children, all born in Ohio:

i. SUSAN[7] OAKS, b. 1796; d. Nov. 22, 1829.
ii. ELIZABETH OAKS.
iii. WILLIAM OAKS, b. 1800; d. 1811.
iv. DANIEL OAKS, b. Dec. 20, 1801; d. March 24, 1869. His son, *Silas Bent*[8] *Oaks*, lives on the old Oaks place in Little Hocking.
v. SUMNER OAKS, d. April 28, 1874.
vi. CHARLOTTE OAKS, b. Jan. 11, 1807; d. March 30, 1844; m. May, 1835, James H. Guthrie. Three children: 1. *Charles H.*,[8] b. 1836; d. 1859. 2. *Lucy O.*, b. May 24, 1838; living in Swan Creek, O.; m. Oct. 12, 1858, James M. Hannan. 3. *Clarinda*, b. 1841; d. 1842. James H. Guthrie m. second, Mary, dau. of Nahum[6] Bent (*q.v.*).
vii. LUCY OAKS, b. 1808; d. 1822.

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NAHUM[6] BENT (*Silas*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Rutland, Mass., Nov. 17, 1778; died of consumption in Nodaway, Andrew Co., Mo., June 29, 1856, æ. 77. While still a boy, he was taken to the Ohio valley by his parents; brought up in Belpre; was the first postmaster of Bent's Post Office, as Centre Belpre, Ohio, was once called. About 1835, he moved to north-western Missouri. He married, at Marietta, Ohio, March 16, 1810, Susan Dilley, who died in Nodaway, Mo.

Children, all born in Ohio:

i. ELIZABETH,[7] d. near Salmon City, Idaho; m. Frank Price of Parkersburg, W. Virginia, who moved to Ottawa, Canada, after his wife's death.
ii. MARY, b. 1813; d. of consumption, in Swan Creek, O., July 29, 1856, æ. 43; m. Nov. 15, 1844, James H. Guthrie, b. in Newbury, O., in 1804, d. in Swan Creek, O., April 4, 1877. Two children: 1. *Sarah Missouri*,[8] b. Oct. 20, 1845; d. Aug. 14, 1874; m. Sept. 15, 1869, Corydon I. Bush. 2. *Edward A.*, b. Dec. 7, 1850; drowned June 15, 1864. James H. Guthrie's first wife was Charlotte, dau. of Susan[6] Bent Oaks. He was married still a third time.
iii. NAHUM, Jr. (called June), returned to Ohio from Missouri in May, 1856, and d. in Swan Creek, O., June 29, 1856.
200. iv. EDWARD, b. May 1, 1817.
201. v. LUTHER, b. Aug. 8, 1819.
vi. CHARLOTTE, b. about 1820; d. in Newbury, O., Aug. 29, 1865, æ. 45; m. Feb. 20, 1853, at Swan Creek, O., Edwin Guthrie (his second marriage) of Newbury, O., brother of James H., who married her sister. Two children: 1. *Edwin Bent*[8] *Guthrie*, b. June 11, 1855; living in Marietta, O. 2. *Elizabeth Susan Guthrie*, b. June 9, 1858; d. June 22, 1881.

* On the Ohio River, twenty-one miles below Marietta.

vii. SUSAN, b. March 24, 1827; d. in Savannah, Mo., Aug. 14, 1861; m. Dec. 12, 1848, William Rayburn King of Tenn., who d. in St. Louis, Mo., March 8, 1894; two sons living, one, *William*,[6] in Marshall, Sabine Co., Mo.

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ABNER[6] BENT (*Silas*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Rutland, Mass., Sept. 22, 1780; died in Marion County, Ohio, July 12, 1834, æ. 53. In 1789, he was taken by his parents from Massachusetts to Ohio; was brought up in Belpre (Ohio), where he lived, with the exception of the years 1806, 1807, and, perhaps 1808, which were spent in New Orleans, until 1821, when he removed to a large farm on the Little Scioto River in Marion County. He was a justice of the peace, a man of education and refinement, and held in high esteem by the pioneers who surrounded him. He married first, Jan. 18, 1802, Elizabeth Williams of Marietta, Ohio, born in Detroit, Mich., daughter of Nathan and Eleanor (Lovelace) Williams.* She died in New Orleans in 1807 or 1808, and he married second, about 1816, Elizabeth Dilley, who moved, after her husband's death, to Wabash, Ind., where she died May, 1854.

Children, by the first marriage, all born in Belpre, Ohio:

i. NAHUM W.,[7] b. Dec. 3, 1802; d. March 4, 1824.
202. ii. ELIJAH, b. about 1804.
203. iii. SARAH, b. Aug. 19, 1806; m. first, George Parker; m. second, David Miller.

Children, by the second marriage:

204. i. LINCOLN GOODALE.
ii. DORCAS, b. Dec. 9, 1820; living in La Rue, O.; m. March 12, 1850, Lewis Topliff, b. Oct. 18, 1807; d. Feb. 2, 1867. Five children: 1. *Susan Amanda*,[8] d. young. 2. *Lewis R.*, d. young. 3. *Calvin Horatio*. 4. *Emma Josephine*, m. William J. Myers. 5. *Princess Calista*, m. J. E. Moore.
iii. SUSAN ELIZABETH, m. Spencer West.
iv. CORNELIUS, d. in infancy.
v. HENRY CLAY, d. in infancy.
vi. AUGUSTA, d. in Cal., Dec. 29, 1876; m. Samuel Ridenour.
vii. ROENA, m. George Reeves.
viii. ABNER, b. 1828; d. 1828.

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DORCAS[6] BENT (*Silas*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Rutland, Mass., Aug. 9, 1782; taken when a mere child to Ohio; died in Newport, Ohio, April 8, 1839, æ. 56. She

* Nathan Williams moved during the Revolution from Connecticut to Detroit, then a British trading post. His wife's parents, members of Daniel Boone's colony in Kentucky, were massacred by the Indians about 1773, and the young Eleanor with her sister carried captive to Detroit.

married, in Belpre, Ohio, Feb. 4, 1816, Deacon William Dana of Newport, Ohio, born in Cambridge, Mass., Aug. 16, 1775, died in Newport, Ohio, June 24, 1851, son of Capt. William Dana of Belpre. Deacon Dana was married three times. His first wife, by whom he had six children, was Polly Parkman Foster, daughter of Hon. Peregrine Foster of Belpre, Ohio; and his third wife, to whom he was married Oct. 1, 1840, was Mrs. Maria (Taylor) Guitteau, widow of Benjamin Guitteau.

Children of William and Dorcas (Bent) Dana:

i. MARY BENT[7] DANA, b. Nov. 9, 1816; d. April 15, 1862; m. Sept. 28, 1837, Rev. Mighill Dustin, D.D., a Methodist clergyman, b. Aug. 18, 1810, d. March 10, 1896. Five children: 1. *Samuel H.*,[8] lived in Cincinnati, but d. in Colorado, Aug. 6, 1894. 2. *Thomas E.* 3. *Mary*, m. Dr. Ludlum. 4. *William.* 5. *Charles W.*, Judge of Common Pleas Court in Dayton, O.

ii. GRACE DANA, d. in Marietta, O., in 1854; m. Oct. 16, 1838, Hon. Thomas W. Ewart, a lawyer, of Marietta, O. Six children: 1. *Mary D.*,[8] m. Lieut. Edgar P. Pearce of Marietta. 2. *Robert*, d. young. 3. *Grace*, d. young. 4. *William D.*, a mfr. in Chicago; m. Susan Hart. 5. *Alice D.*, d. in Granville, O., Feb. 10, 1898; m. Rev. Frank Adkins, a Baptist clergyman, who d. 1899. 6. *Thomas*, an able lawyer, still living in Marietta, O.; m. Agnes Bertha Tibbetts.

iii. JOSEPH DANA, b. May 3, 1819; drowned in the Ohio River, June 28, 1827.

iv. DORCAS DANA, b. March 9, 1821; d. Marietta, O., Feb. 10, 1852; m. Col. Melvin Clark of Marietta, O., who was killed at the battle of Antietam, Sept., 1862; one child, *Joseph D.*,[8] enlisted in 148th Ohio Infantry and was killed at City Point, Va., Aug. 9, 1864.

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DANIEL[6] BENT (*Silas*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Rutland, Mass., Feb. 3, 1785; taken four years later with the rest of the family to Marietta, Ohio, and a year after that to Belpre, Ohio, where the remainder of his life was spent. He took his father's farm, and died there March, 1828, æ. 43. He married, Feb. 16, 1826, in Newport, Ohio, Elizabeth Rowland, born in or near Wilmington, Del., May 4, 1788, died in Chicago, Ill., Oct. 1, 1855, æ. 67, daughter of John and Isabella (Evans) Rowland.

Child, born in Belpre, Ohio:

i. JENNIE ELIZABETH,[7] b. Jan. 17, 1827; living in Cleveland, O.; m. Aug. 4, 1845. Rev. Joseph Silliman Edwards, b. Manlius, N. Y., Nov. 6, 1818; d. in Cleveland, O., Oct. 17, 1876, son of Rev. Joseph and Anna (Warner) Edwards. Four children: 1. *Mary Frances*[8] *Edwards*, b. in Belpre, O., Oct. 16, 1846; an invalid for many years; d. unm. in Cleveland, March 5,

1889. 2. *Anna Maria Edwards*, b. in Cincinnati, O., March 6, 1849, living unm. with her mother; has been connected with the W. C. T. U. for many years as speaker and organizer. 3. *Ella Louisa Edwards*, b. in Chicago, Ill., Sept. 26, 1854; living in Punxsutawney, Pa.; m. first, Sept. 29, 1875, Rev. Samuel Lee Hillyer, pastor of the Congregational Church in Woodbridge, N. J., who d. Nov. 28, 1877; for about ten years Mrs. Hillyer was principal of the Fairmount School in Cleveland, O.; m. second, April 3, 1889, Rev. Philip Robinson Danley, D.D., of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Taylorsville, Ill. 4. *Flora Lucretia Edwards*, b. in Cleveland, O., Sept. 7, 1865; living unm. with her mother in Cleveland, where she is Supt. Missionary Extension, Ohio Christian Endeavor Union.

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JOEL[6] BENT (*Joel*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Barre, Mass., Nov. 27, 1770; died in Wendell, Mass., Aug. 19, 1821, æ. 50. He married, May 30, 1797, Esther Lawrence, who died Nov. 26, 1837, æ. 65.

Children, all born in Wendell:

i. JOEL,[7] b. May 28, 1798; d. in Wendell, Sept. 15, 1819.

ii. LYDIA MESSINGER, b. June 19, 1800; d. in Salem Centre, Ind., June 17, 1874; m. Jan. 1, 1821, Joseph Locke. Six children: 1. *Nancy Maria.*[8] 2. *Joseph.* 3. *Sylvester Carver.* 4. *Joel Llewellyn.* 5. *Ezra Elijah.* 6. *Lydia Bernice.*

iii. MARY MASON, b. July 4, 1802; d. in Wendell, Mass., Dec. 28, 1843; m. Nov. 15, 1825, Martin Armstrong, who d. in Montague, Mass., Jan. 26, 1881. Six children: 1. *Sarah Kilburn.*[8] 2. *Mary Bent.* 3. *Timothy Martin.* 4. *Joel Mason.* 5. *Dwight E.*, killed at battle of Chancellorsville, 1863. 6. *Celinda Bullard.*

205. iv. WILLIAM LAWRENCE, b. May 12, 1806.

v. NANCY, b. Aug. 4, 1808; d. April 12, 1817.

vi. JERUSHA, b. Nov. 17, 1810; m. ——— Wisel.

vii. ELIJAH KNIGHT, b. Dec. 2, 1812; lived in Ontario Co., N. Y., and in Wisconsin; in 1849 went to California, where he d. of sun-stroke Oct. 17, 1850; m. in 1848, at Waterford, Wis., Mary Palmer, by whom he had one child that d. æ. 5.

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SAMUEL[6] BENT (*Joel*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Barre, Mass., July 19, 1778. No record of death found. Lived in Wendell and Barre, Mass., Chittenden and Orwell, Vt. He went West in 1825, and lived in Michigan, Ill., Missouri, and probably still further West. He married, March 3, 1805, Mary Kilburn of Wendell, who died in Missouri.

Children, all born in Wendell, Mass.:

206. i. WILLIAM ERVING,[7] b. Dec. 22, 1805.
207. ii. HORATIO GATES, b. Nov. 22, 1807.
iii. MARY, b. April 29, 1809; m. ——— Miles in Utah, and went to California.
208. iv. JOSEPH KILBURN, b. Nov. 16, 1816.

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STEPHEN[6] BENT (*Stephen*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), physician, was born in Dublin, N. H., Nov. 22, 1783; died in Sterling, N. Y., June 26, 1822, æ. 38, from pneumonia brought on from overwork; moved, in 1811, from New Hampshire to New York, where he owned a farm. He saw service in the war of 1812 as an army surgeon. He married, in 1810, Almira, born December, 1786, died December, 1858, eldest daughter of Thaddeus and Hannah Curtis of Springfield, N. H.

Children, i. born in Greenfield, N. Y.; the others in Sterling, N. Y.:

i. AUGUSTUS CURTIS,[7] b. June 23, 1811; living in Clyde, N. Y.; sold Sunday School books and magazines; went around Cape Horn, and lived a few years in California; m. Oct. 8, 1845, Eliza, b. in Isle of Wight, May 24, 1819, eldest dau. of John and Mary Mylecrain. Two children: 1. *John Chester*,[8] b. March 25, 1847; d. Dec. 21, 1869. 2. *Stephen Augustus*, b. 1851; d. 1860.
ii. ELIZA WRIGHT, b. May, 1815; d. at Seward, Neb., in 1889; m. in 1839, Rev. Newell Boughton.
209. iii. CLINTON DE WITT, b. April 30, 1817.
iv. EMELINE, b. July, 1820; d. at Hannibal, N. Y., in 1892; m. in 1845, Samuel C. Fullerton.
v. ORPHA, b. 1822; d. 1823.

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DAVID JACKSON[6] BENT (*Rufus*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in East Sudbury (now Wayland), Mass., about 1787; died in Parkesburg, Pa., in 1872, æ. 85. About 1809 he moved to Bangor, Me. (where he was a baker), remaining until 1827, when he bought a farm near Parkesburg, Pa., and removed thither. He was major of a Maine militia regiment that was called out to defend the coast during the war of 1812, a member of the Maine Legislature in 1826 and 1827, and later of the Pennsylvania Legislature, and an elder in the Presbyterian Church. He married first, Oct. 21, 1810, Rebecca Hubbard, born in Concord, Mass., March 16, 1790, daughter of Thomas and Rebecca Hubbard. He married second, Emeline M., daughter of Thomas Armstrong of Philadelphia. She died in Cedarville, N. J., Dec. 8, 1888.

Children, by first marriage, all born in Bangor, Me.:

i. LUCY,[7] d. in childhood.
ii. MARY REBECCA, b. July 31, 1811; d. unm. in 1872.
210. iii. WILLIAM HENRY, b. Dec. 15, 1812.
iv. EMELINE AUGUSTA, b. Feb. 28, 1815; m. Ward Haseltine of Philadelphia. One son, *Frank.*[8]
v. HARRIET (HANNAH?), b. Aug. 1, 1817.
211. vi. EDWIN JACKSON, b. Oct. 17, 1819.
212. vii. CYRUS HUBBARD, b. June 24, 1821.

Children of David J. and Emeline, born in Parkesburg, Pa.;

i. FRANCES HENRIETTA,[7] b. about 1840; d. unm. in Cedarville, N. J., Sept. 15, 1887.
ii. CAROLINE, b. about 1843; d. unm. in Cedarville, N. J., Jan. 23, 1886.
iii. THOMAS, b. April, 1845; d. unm. at Clifton Heights, Pa., Oct. 31, 1876; graduated from Yale College in 1874, and was preparing for the ministry at the Episcopal Divinity School, West Philadelphia, when cut off by death.
213. iv. RUFUS HOWARD, b. Sept. 23, 1850.

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HENRY[6] BENT (*Rufus,*[5] *Elijah,*[4] *Hopestill,*[3] *Peter,*[2] *John*[1]) was born in East Sudbury, now Wayland, Mass., Oct. 10, 1789; moved to Bangor, Me., where he died about 1825. He married, 1816, Olivia Harriman of Bangor, who died about the time of her husband's death.

The following was probably his child:

i. HENRY WYMAN,[7] b. in Bangor, Me., 1819; brought up by his mother's brother; was a tailor, and d. in Maine, April 18, 1876, æ. 58; was married three times; name of first wife not ascertained; m. second, Charlotte Augusta Dodge of Sedgwick, Me.; m. third, in 1872, Sarah E. Parker of Blue Hill, Me., who is still living. He had a son and a dau. by the first marriage and a dau. by the second, but all are dead, and there are no descendants.

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ELIJAH[6] BENT (*Nathan,*[5] *Elijah,*[4] *Hopestill,*[3] *Peter,*[2] *John*[1]), carpenter, was born in Winchester, N. H., in 1799, and died in Vernon, Vt., in 1842, death caused by falling from a building upon which he was at work. He married, March 8, 1827, Ruth E. Matoon, who was born in Northfield, Mass., Dec. 20, 1807, and died in Greenfield, Mass., April 1, 1896.

Children, i. born in Winchester, N. H., ii. and iii. in Northfield:

i. ANDREW JACKSON,[7] b. Dec. 13, 1828; d. unm. in Chicago, Ill., March 12, 1898.
ii. FRANCES ANN, b. Aug. 31, 1832; m. Aug. 13, 1851, Stephen B. Hale, b. in Athol, Aug. 16, 1824, d. in Deerfield, Dec. 26,

1888; has lived since marriage in Deerfield, but in the part (Cheapside) annexed in 1896 to Greenfield. Three children: 1. *Annie F.*,[8] m. Melvin D. Church of Randolph, Vt. 2. *Mary E.*, m. John S. Miller of Sugar Grove, Ill. 3. *Nettie A.*, m. Ferdinand G. Packard of Erving, Mass.

iii. MARSHALL ASHLEY, b. Aug. 14, 1834; d. unm. in Deerfield, Mass., Oct. 19, 1889; a soldier in the civil war; after which he lived with his sister.

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MICAH[6] BENT (*David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Annapolis, N. S., about 1762, and was drowned in the Annapolis River, N. S., about 1790. He married, April 13, 1786, his cousin Abigail Harrington, who was born April 14, 1767, daughter of Jonas and Jane[5] (Bent) Harrington.

Child of Micah and Abigail, born in Annapolis, N. S.:

214. i. BERIAH,[7] b. Feb. 11, 1788.

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DAVID[6] BENT (*David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Annapolis, N. S., in 1764, and died in Belleisle, a hamlet in the township of Granville, N. S., Aug. 16, 1831, æ. 67. He married, in Lexington, Mass., Nov. 14, 1787, Ruth Parker, who was born Dec. 7, 1765, and died March 12, 1838, daughter of Capt. John Parker, who commanded the minute men at Lexington, April 19, 1775.

Children, all born in the Annapolis Valley, Nova Scotia:

215. i. ASAPH,[7] b. Aug. 25, 1788.

ii. ARETHUSA, b. Oct. 29, 1789; d. Aug. 17, 1867; m. Charles Barteaux.

216. iii. ISAAC, b. Oct. 13, 1791.

217. iv. RUFUS, b. July 5, 1793.

v. ABIGAIL, b. May 14, 1795; d. Jan. 19, 1829; m. Simon Starratt.

218. vi. DAVID, b. May 17, 1798.

vii. REBECCA, b. Sept. 29, 1800; d. May 15, 1846; m. Joseph Starratt.

viii. RUTH, b. March 5, 1803; d. Jan. 1, 1884.

ix. MIRIAM, b. May 14, 1804; d. June 21, 1869.

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WILLIAM[6] BENT (*David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Annapolis, N. S., about 1767; lived in Paradise, a hamlet of Wilmot, N. S.; died 1833. He married, in 1796, Abigail, daughter of Phineas and Abigail (Thayer) Lovett of Annapolis, N. S. She died in 1852.

Children, all born in Nova Scotia:

219. i. WILLIAM LOVETT,[7] b. 1798.
ii. ELIZABETH, b. 1800; m. Caleb Marshall.
iii. ABIGAIL, b. 1802; m. first, John Forrest, and second, Edward McLatchie.
iv. MARIA, b. 1804; m. William Marshall.
220. v. PHINEAS LOVETT, b. 1807.
221. vi. SAMUEL STILLMAN, b. 1810.
vii. SELINA L., b. 1813; m. Walter Ricketson.

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JOSEPH[6] BENT (*David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Annapolis, N. S., about 1770, and lived near Bridgetown, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia, where he died. He married, in 1792, Anna Longley, who was born in Annapolis County 1773, daughter of Israel and Anna (Kent) Longley and sister of Isaac who married Dorcas Bent.

Children, all born in Annapolis County, N. S.:

222. i. WARREN,[7] b. Oct. 9, 1793.
ii. LUCY, b. Feb. 21, 1795; m. George Willett of Bentville, Annapolis Co., N. S. Nine children.
iii. AMELIA, b. June 8, 1797; m. Gilbert T. Ray of St. John, N. B. No children.
223. iv. ISRAEL LONGLEY, b. Feb. 2, 1799.
v. SUSAN, b. March 22, 1801; m. George Fellows of Annapolis, N. S.
vi. MARY, b. Nov. 5, 1802; m. Aaron Eaton of St. John, N. B., who was in business with G. T. Ray above.
224. vii. JOSEPH FLETCHER, b. April 26, 1806.
225. viii. WILLIAM, b. Oct. 5, 1809.
226. ix. GILBERT, b. April 10, 1813.
x. JOHN, b. Sept. 15, 1822; d. unm. in Nova Scotia.

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STEPHEN[6] BENT (*David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Annapolis, N. S., May 12, 1775, and died Aug. 7, 1862, æ. 87, in the Annapolis Valley, N. S., where he always lived. He married, in 1797, Amy, born Sept. 25, 1782, died March, 1868, æ. 85, daughter of Elisha Tupper, formerly of Connecticut.

Children, all born in Annapolis Valley, N. S.:

i. ELIZABETH SPRAGUE,[7] b. 1798; d. in Wilmot, N. S., in 1876; m. Archibald Rolls.
ii. JERUSHA PRINCE, b. 1800; d. about 1888; m. James D'Arcy.
iii. CAROLINE, b. Feb. 3, 1803; m. Adam Hawkes of Lynnfield, Mass., where she d. July 26, 1875.
227. iv. JAMES SPRAGUE, b. Jan. 24, 1806.
v. LUCY, b. Jan. 15, 1808; d. in Lawrencetown, N. S., June 18, 1896, æ. 88; m. Charles Elliot of Wilmot, N. S.

vi. AMY, b. Aug. 16, 1810; d. in Halifax, N. S., April 16, 1899, æ. 88; m. James Thomas of Digby, N. S.
vii. MARY, d. young.
viii. WILLIAM HENRY, b. Jan. 9, 1813; d. unm. about 1841.
ix. LOUISA BETHIA, b. June 12, 1816; living, unm., at the old home in Nova Scotia.
x. SUSAN MARILLA, b. Oct. 30, 1819; living in Belleisle, N. S.; m. Obadiah Parker of Granville, N. S.
228. xi. STEPHEN EDWARD, b. Jan. 30, 1823.

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ASAPH[6] BENT (*David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in the Annapolis Valley, Nova Scotia, where he died. He married first Lois Tupper, married second Mary Tupper, married third in 1832 Ann Busby.

Children of Asaph and Lois:

i. AMBROSE,[7] b. 1797; m. Susan Balcom. No children.
ii. ELIAS, m. Elizabeth Hardwick. No children.
229. iii. ELIAKIM, b. 1808.
iv. ANN, d. unm.
v. DAVID, d. unm.

Children of Asaph and Mary:

i. MARY,[7] m. John Warner.
ii. Child, d. unm.

Children of Asaph and Ann:

230. i. BUSBY,[7] b. 1833.
231. ii. RALPH, b. 1836.
iii. JOHN ZENAS, b. 1839; m. Lucy Gesner.
iv. ALBENIA, m. John Bartlett.
v. ANNA, m. Thomas Bowles.

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SILAS[6] BENT (*David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer and blacksmith, was born at Bentville in the Annapolis Valley, N. S.; moved to Paradise, a hamlet in the township of Wilmot, N. S., but, sometime before 1830, removed to Nictaux Falls, about twenty miles from his birthplace. His old age was spent with his youngest daughter in Granville, N. S., where he died. He married Mary Newcomb, who died at her son's home in Somerset, King's County, N. S. She was a daughter of Abraham Newcomb.

Children, all born in Paradise, N. S.:

232. i. ABRAHAM NEWCOMB.[7]
ii. MARY, m. Isaac Phillips of Liverpool, Queen's Co., N. S. Three children: 1. *James*.[8] 2. *Mary Eliza*, m. Eldrid Day. 3. *Thomas*.

233. iii. JAMES, b. about 1805.
234. iv. DENNIS.
v. ELIZABETH ANN, b. 1811; m. her cousin, David[7] Bent of Granville, N. S.

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WILLIAM[6] BENT (*William,*[5] *Micah,*[4] *Hopestill,*[3] *Peter,*[2] *John*[1]) was born Oct. 7, 1783, in East Sudbury (now Wayland), Mass., where he died Oct. 21, 1821. He drove a wood team from Massachusetts to South Carolina, and was captain of a local militia company. He married, April 20, 1808, Polly Coolidge, who was born in Natick, Mass., Nov. 29, 1787, and died in Wayland, Jan. 19, 1878, æ. 90, daughter of Thomas and Polly.

Children, all born in East Sudbury:

i. WILLIAM,[7] b. July 28, 1808; d. unm. in Wayland, June 11, 1863; was a shoe mfr., in business with his brother, J. M., at Cochituate Village.
ii. ABIGAIL, b. May 3, 1810; d. Aug. 12, 1842; m. May 19, 1831, John L. Loker of East Sudbury. One son, *William.*[8]
235. iii. JAMES MADISON, b. May 19, 1812.
iv. MARY, b. March 2, 1819; d. Aug. 16, 1849; m. Jan. 6, 1848, George Alonzo Rice. No children.
v. THOMAS GILBERT, b. July 15, 1821; living, unm., in Cochituate Village, Wayland, Mass.

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MICAH[6] BENT (*William,*[5] *Micah,*[4] *Hopestill,*[3] *Peter,*[2] *John*[1]), shoemaker, was born in East Sudbury (Wayland), Mass., Sept. 23, 1788, and died in Bellingham, Mass., April 29, 1859, æ. 70; lived in Framingham, Watertown, Milford and Bellingham. He married, first, Anne Stone, who died April 18, 1821; married, second, Sept. 9, 1827, Mrs. Betsey Mellen (Green) Whitney of Milford, Mass., who was born in Mendon, Nov. 22, 1792, and died in Bellingham, Aug. 22, 1871, æ. 78, daughter of Lemuel and Sukey (Torrey) Green and widow of Ethan Whitney of Milford, Mass.

Children of Micah and Anne, i., ii., v. to viii. born in Framingham, iii. and iv. born in Watertown:

236. i. ARCHIBALD,[7] b. Dec. 4, 1809.
ii. HIRAM, b. Jan. 12, 1811; d. young.
iii. DELIA ANN, b. Dec. 30, 1811; d. young.
237. iv. HIRAM, b. Oct. 7, 1813.
v. ELBRIDGE, b. July 16, 1815; d. 1821.
vi. DELIA ANN, b. Sept. 23, 1817; d. young.
238. vii. ROSWELL, b. July 28, 1819.
viii. NANCY, b. April 12, 1821; d. unm. May 30, 1879.

Children of Micah and Betsey, i. born in Milford, ii. to iv. born in Bellingham:

239. i. MELLEN GREEN,[7] b. Aug. 3, 1828.
ii. CHARLES ELBRIDGE, b. Oct. 10, 1830; living in Lowell, Mass.
iii. EUGENE ALONZO, b. June 8, 1833.
240. iv. FERDINAND AUGUSTUS, b. July 24, 1836.

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GEORGE[6] BENT (*William*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in East Sudbury (Wayland), Mass., Sept. 10, 1793, and died in Natick, Mass., April 9, 1865, æ. 71. He married, first, Esther Marshall; married, second, Mrs. Mary Kimball, whose son, Russell S., by her former husband, adopted the name of Bent and lives in Natick.

Children, born in East Sudbury:

i. EUSTACE,[7] d. unm.
ii. SAMUEL, b. March 20, 1822; carpenter; d. in Framingham, April 29, 1849; m. first, April 10, 1845, Martha A. Fuller, who d. Jan. 28, 1846, æ. 23; m. second, Oct. 25, 1846, Emily Fletcher of Waltham, b. in Washington, N. H., Jan. 22, 1827. She m. second, Aug. 23, 1852, Warren Wetherbee of Waltham.
iii. LOUISA, b. Oct. 29, 1823; m. John Pond, and had *Augustus*[8] and *Harriet*.
iv. ROSANNA, b. 1828; d. Nov. 10, 1847.
v. HARRIET M., b. 1831; d. Sept. 1, 1862; m. Nov. 16, 1848, Calvin H. Saunders. Three children.
vi. ELIZABETH, d. in Waltham, Mass.; m. Francis Brown. Four children.

Children of George and Mary, all born in Natick:

i. VELZORA,[7] b. 1837; d. in Natick, æ. 17.
ii. MARCUS MORTON, b. March 19, 1843; d. in Natick about 1860.
iii. ORIANNA, b. June 10, 1847; d. in Natick, 1855.
iv. WILMA D., b. 1852; m. George O.[8] Bent.
v. IDELLA FLORENCE, b. 1858; d. in Natick, Aug. 11, 1894; m. Jan. 31, 1877, Charles F. Partridge of Natick.

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JASON[6] BENT (*William*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in East Sudbury (now Wayland), Mass., March 28, 1796; moved, in 1842, to the adjoining town of Framingham, where he died March 19, 1849. He married, Feb. 12, 1821, Elizabeth Amy Smith, who was born in Brunswick, Vt., Oct. 25, 1800, and died in Framingham, Oct. 26, 1872.

Children, i., ii., iii. born in Wayland, iv. born in Framingham:

241. i. JASON,[7] b. Feb. 21, 1827.
ii. ELIZABETH ANN J., b. Nov. 17, 1829; living in North Natick, Mass.; m. Nov. 21, 1853, Henry Fairbank of Natick; m second, July 24, 1867, George Fairbank.

iii. ANGELIA AVILLA, b. Sept. 27, 1837; living in Cochituate Village, Wayland, Mass.; m. Dec. 20, 1860, Theodore L. Sawin of Natick. One child, *Florence Elizabeth*,[8] b. Sept. 20, 1867.
iv. HELEN MARR, b. March 11, 1844; d. 1846.

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PETER[6] BENT (*David*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born June 8, 1777, in Templeton, Mass., probably, and died in Denmark, Lewis County, N. Y., Nov. 30, 1833, æ. 56; moved from Mt. Holly, Vermont, where he had lived since his ninth year, to New York in March, 1801. He married, in Mt. Holly, April 20, 1799, Hannah Hartwell, who was born May 17, 1781, and died May 13, 1847, æ. 66.

Children, i. born in Mt. Holly, Vt., the others in Denmark, N. Y.:

242. i. PETER,[7] b. May 29, 1800.
243. ii. ABEL DIRGY, b. July 1, 1802.
iii. TAMAR, b. June 19, 1804; d. in Union Grove, Whiteside Co., Ill., May 24, 1893, æ. 89; m. Dec. 31, 1830, Cyrus Brown of Leroyville, Jefferson Co., N. Y., who d. at Union Grove, Ill., Nov. 12, 1878.
iv. ILONA, b. July 9, 1806; d. at the home of her son, Giles F. Van Vechton, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Dec. 4, 1896, æ. 90; m. Oct. 14, 1826, Gilbert Van Vechten of Denmark, N. Y., who d. Oct. 19, 1848.
v. ADELINE E., b. April 28, 1808; d. in Philadelphia, Pa., March 25, 1835; m. 1834, Smith Gardner of Leroyville, N. Y.
244. vi. MAJOR EVANS, b. May 23, 1810.
vii. HANNAH, b. May 6, 1812; d. at the home of her son in Clarence, Iowa, July 2, 1897, æ. 85; m. April 16, 1829, Seth Sylvester of Denmark, N. Y., b. in Salem, N. Y., March 22, 1804, d. in Clarence, Iowa, July 30, 1879. One son, *Peter Bent*[8] *Sylvester*, b. in Denmark, N. Y., March 16, 1830, m. Catherine McKibben, and has several children.
viii. RELIEF, b. May 4, 1814; living in Oswego, N. Y.; m. in 1835, William A. Hollister of Denmark, N. Y.
245. ix. LEMUEL MASON, b. Oct. 7, 1816.
x. WARREN WALKER, b. Aug. 13, 1819; merchant; d. unm. in Crown Point, Ind., May 3, 1845.
246. xi. MILO GREEN, b. March 13, 1822.

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RELIEF[6] BENT (*David*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]), generally called Lephe, was born (probably) in Templeton, Mass., April 20, 1779, and died in Castleton, Vt., Aug. 16, 1863, æ. 84. She married, in 1799, Dr. Oliver Guernsey of Mt. Holly, Vt., who was born May 29, 1778, and died at his son's home, Randolph, N. Y., Sept. 17, 1837.

Children of Oliver and Relief (Bent) Guernsey:

i. LOWELL WARE[7] GUERNSEY, b. April 23, 1800; a physician in Shrewsbury, Vt.; d. 1859. His dau., *Sarah Livonia*[8], m. Jan. 7, 1850, his cousin Capt. Montraville Green (*q. v.*).
ii. ERASTUS BENT GUERNSEY, b. Nov. 8, 1801; d. 1880.
iii. OLIVER GUERNSEY, b. Jan. 6, 1804; a physician in Randolph, N. Y.; d. 1864.
iv. ALONZO GUERNSEY, b. Nov. 5, 1805; d. 1891. His widow, b. Ellen Hinds, is living in Chicago.
v. ADISON GUERNSEY, b. March 9, 1808; d. 1844.
vi. ADELINE GUERNSEY, b. Sept. 13, 1809; d. 1891.
vii. SALLIE GUERNSEY, b. Feb. 14, 1812; d. 1829.
viii. LEPHE GUERNSEY, b. March 2, 1814; d. 1891.
ix. LORENZO G. GUERNSEY, b. Dec. 11, 1819; living in Hudson, N. Y.

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DAVID[6] BENT (*David*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born Oct. 23, 1780, in Templeton, Mass., probably; was taken to Mt. Holly, Vt., about 1786, and died in Cavendish, Vt., in Dec., 1859, æ. 79. He married, first, in 1800, Lucy Fletcher, who died about 1807, æ. 24; married, second, Lydia Stiles.

Children of David and Lucy:

247. i. DALMANUTHA,[7] b. Aug. 5, 1801.
248. ii. HARTWELL, b. about 1803.
249. iii. BETSEY, b. May 7, 1805.
iv. ROBINSON, b. about 1807; moved about 1835 from Vermont to New York, and thence five years later to Wisconsin; lived near Janesville; m. Esther Pierce, and had four children.

Children of David and Lydia:

250. i. SAMUEL WALKER.[7]
ii. ELVIRA, m. ——— Sinclair of Mt. Holly, Vt.
iii. CORLISS, d. unm.; went West and drove stage for S. Bent Walker; was killed by being thrown from his stage.
iv. MARK.

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BETSEY[6] BENT (*David*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born Aug. 19, 1784, in Templeton, Mass., probably, and died Oct. 4, 1843, in Ludlow, Vt. She married, first, Aug. 30, 1812, her cousin, Darius Green, who was born in Paxton, Mass., June 18, 1786, and died Jan. 13, 1831, in Mt. Holly, Vt., where he had kept a hotel for several years. He was a son of Joseph and Lucy (Bent) Green, and, although a Yankee lad and the son of a farmer, he was not related to that aspiring genius of flying-machine fame who sprang fully equipped from the brain of Mr. Trowbridge. Betsey (Bent) Green married, second, about 1834, Daniel Perry of Cavendish, Vt.

Children of Darius and Betsey (Bent) Green:

i. ELIZA MALVINA[7] GREEN, b. 1813; d. 1814.

ii. DARIUS LORENZO GREEN, b. Nov. 30, 1815; d. Sept. 5, 1891.

iii. MONTRAVILLE GREEN, b. March 4, 1818; living in Alton, Ill. He was for many years captain of a river steamboat running from St. Louis to St. Paul; m. first, Abigail Gorum Manning, who d. Aug. 31, 1845, childless; m. second, Jan. 7, 1850, Sarah Livonia Guernsey (*q. v.*). Two children.

iv. GEORGE BENT GREEN, b. April 30, 1821; living in Medford, Mass.; m. Oct. 18, 1841, Melinda Wetherbee. Four children: 1. *Darius Alonzo*,[8] has a government position in Washington, D. C. 2. *Charles Montraville*, graduated from Harvard College in 1874, from Harvard Medical School in 1877, and has since practised in Boston. 3. *Lorenzo Luther*, paying teller in the Suffolk Savings Bank, Boston. 4. *George Wetherbee*, book keeper in the Old Boston National Bank.

v. CHARLES GREEN, b. Feb. 17, 1823; d. Feb. 17, 1848.

vi. ELIZA SOPHRONIA GREEN, b. 1825; d. 1829.

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GEORGE W.[6] BENT (*David*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Mt. Holly, Vt., Feb. 13, 1790; in the fall of 1814 he moved to Watertown, N. Y., where he died, June 1, 1829, æ. 39. He married Clarissa Kilborn.

Children, i. born in Vermont, the others in Watertown, N. Y.:

i. GEORGE W.,[7] b. 1814; d. in De Pauville, N. Y., Sept. 22, 1892, æ. 78; farmer; m. Sally Wadley of Watertown, N. Y., who is living in Clayton, N. Y. Three children: 1. *George W.*,[8] d. 1895. 2. *Olive C.*, living in Clayton, N. Y.; m. ——— Patch. 3. *Jane*, living in Brownville, N. Y.; m. ——— Walcott.

ii. OLIVE.

iii. HARRIET.

iv. MARY.

v. CLARISSA.

vi. ALDULA.

vii. CLARINDA.

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EARL F.[6] BENT (*David*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Mt. Holly, Vt., March 10, 1792; moved, about 1842, to Poultney, Vt., where he died, Oct. 31, 1866, æ. 74. He married Lephe Livona Clark, who was born in Mt. Holly, Vt., in 1800, and died Aug. 28, 1865, daughter of Deacon Ichabod G. Clark, the first settler of Mt. Holly.

Children, all born in Mt. Holly, Vt.

* Received too late to be properly numbered. See page 40.

i. LEPHE L.,[7] b. 1816; d. 1816.
ii. ERSULA LEPHE, b. Aug. 30, 1817; d. August, 1893; m. 1834, Alvah Horton of Mt. Holly, Vt.
251. iii. CLARK EARL, b. April 21, 1822.
252. iv. HENRY WILLARD, b. Feb. 13, 1824.
v. SOPHRONIA FRANCES, b. Sept. 17, 1828; d. April 1, 1886; m. in 1848, Levi L. Munson of East Poultney, Vt.
vi. ILONA ALMINA, b. Aug. 13, 1831; living with her children in California; m. July 4, 1849, Ashbel Holister Pepper, b. in Paulet, Vt., Jan. 17, 1829, d. in Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 3, 1895. Four children, all b. in Vermont: 1. *Theodore Martin*,[8] living in Chicago. 2. *Kate Elizabeth*, m. George E. Guirrits, and lives in Los Angeles, Cal. 3. *Nettie Maria*, m. Dr. Frank B. Carpenter, and lives in San Francisco, Cal. 4. *Mary Chase*, m. George W. Hallowell of St. Paul, Minn., now of San Francisco.
vii. MARY ELIZABETH, b. July 30, 1834; living in Bancroft, Iowa; m. July 4, 1855, Charles W. Goddard of Bancroft, Iowa. Three children: 1. *Robert Earl*.[8] 2. *Lora E.*, m. Charles R. Morehouse. 3. *Della M.*, m. Fred. R. Anderson.
viii. MARTHA M., b. 1839; d. 1840.

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SILAS PROCTOR[6] BENT (*David*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Mt. Holly, Vt., March 16, 1794, and died in De Kalb, Ill., Oct. 22, 1874, æ. 80; was named after one of his father's neighbors, Silas Proctor, one of the first settlers of Mt. Holly. He moved from Vermont to New York, and thence, about 1854, to Illinois. He married, first, Jan. 24, 1815, Olive Clark, who was born Jan. 24, 1799, and died Aug. 7, 1825; married, second, Jan., 1826, Orythea Shaw, who was born Jan. 13, 1801, and died Dec. 9, 1887.

Children of Silas P. and Olive:

i. LIVONIA O.,[7] b. Aug. 26, 1816; d. 1877; m. first, 1834, Ephraim Skeels, who d. September, 1853; m. second, May, 1865, Enos Whitmore, who d. in Lincoln, Neb., 1888.
253. ii. SILAS WALKER, b. July 23, 1818.
iii. MARDULA D., b. July 25, 1824; m. first, 1842, Darius Boynton, who d. 1862; m. second, October, 1865, Ira V. Randall, a lawyer in De Kalb, Ill.

Children of Silas P. and Orythea:

i. EMELINE A.,[7] b. Nov. 7, 1826; m. Jan. 22, 1852, George J. Squires.
ii. DARIUS S., b. July 18, 1829; d. Sept. 12, 1849.
254. iii. JOHN JAY, b. July 3, 1831.
iv. LEVANTEA, b. Sept. 1, 1833.
v. MARTHA, b. Oct. 25, 1836; m. June, 1857, William Dana Earl.
vi. MARY E., b. July 10, 1838; m. June 4, 1861, Dr. John B. Earl, who d. April 23, 1874.

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THOMAS W.[6] BENT (*David*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Mt. Holly, Vt., Feb. 16, 1798, and died in Croghan, N. Y., March 16, 1853. He married, Feb. 25, 1818, Phidelia Hammond of Mt. Holly, Vt., who was born March 1, 1796, and died in Antwerp, N. Y., Sept. 26, 1876, æ. 80.

Children, i. born in Watertown, N. Y., ii. to vi. born in Mt. Holly, Vt., vii. and viii. born in Croghan, N. Y.:

255. i. ALVIN FINNEY,[7] b. Jan. 25, 1819.
256. ii. DARIUS GREEN, b. Jan. 5, 1821.
iii. TAMAR A., b. Dec. 1, 1822; d. March 25, 1876; m. Dec. 1, 1840, Jacob House.
iv. HARTWELL FRANKLIN, b. July 11, 1825; living in Antwerp, N. Y.
v. LYDIA L., b. July 22, 1827; living in Antwerp, N. Y.; m. April 10, 1851, Joseph F. Graves of Antwerp, N. Y.
vi. PHEBE C., b. June 25, 1830; d. Dec. 31, 1888, at Croghan, N. Y.; m. July 3, 1855, Albert Overton, who lives at Natural Bridge, N. Y.
257. vii. GEORGE WASHINGTON, b. Feb. 3, 1836.
viii. CHARLES HAMMOND, b. Sept. 18, 1838; d. in Denver, Col., Dec. 25, 1896. Three children.

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GEORGE[6] BENT (*Darius*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Boston, Mass., Dec. 4, 1806, and died in Montreal, Canada, July 13, 1852, æ. 45. He was a druggist and chemist in Montreal and in Cincinnati, O. About 1847, he returned to Montreal, and became the first express agent in Canada, representing Cheney, Rice & Co. of Boston, and Pullen, Virgil & Co. of New York. His wife Laura, daughter of Daniel Ward Eager, died in Montreal, Aug. 13, 1874.

Children, i. born in Amandville, Ky., ii. and iii. in Montreal, Can.:

i. EMMELINE BOWMAN,[7] b. Oct. 31, 1836; living in Montreal; m. Nov. 7, 1864, Guy Richards Dewar of St. Andrews, P. Q.
ii. GEORGE D., b. Nov. 19, 1838; living, unm., in Montreal.
258. iii. JOHN BOICE, b. Dec. 29, 1847.

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ALPHONSO[6] BENT (*Thaddeus*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Rutland, Vt., in 1810, and died in Waynesville, Mo., in hospital, June 11, 1863, of typhus pneumonia. Left an orphan at the age of four, he was brought up by his sister Roxa, and, after her death in 1821, by friends of the family. He learned the painting trade thoroughly and located at Smith's Falls, Canada West

(now Ontario). In Oct., 1844, he moved to Chicago, Ill., where he was still engaged in the painting business. In May, 1856, he removed to Morrison (Ill.), then just located. In 1862, he enlisted in Co. H, 5th Missouri Cavalry.

He married, first, Charlotte Rogers, who died shortly after marriage without issue; he married, second, at Smith's Falls, Canada, Beulah Ann Bartlett, who was born in Rome, N. Y., July 29, 1819, and died Jan. 11, 1841; married, third, Nov. 17, 1842, Elizabeth Armstrong, who was born in Scotland in 1812, and died May 22, 1880.

Children of Alphonso and Beulah:

i. ARABELLA,[7] d. young.
ii. JAMES, d. young.
259. iii. GEORGE RUSSELL, b. Nov. 21, 1840.

Children of Alphonso and Elizabeth:

i. JANET,[7] b. Aug. 18, 1843; living, unm., with her brother Charles in Morrison, Ill.
260. ii. CHARLES, b. Dec. 8, 1844.
iii. ISABELLA, b. Dec. 8, 1844; d. 1846.
iv. ELLEN, b. May, 1846; d. 1848.

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JAMES B.[6] BENT (*Phineas*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Jericho, Vt., Nov. 23, 1816, and died in Stockbridge, Vt., May 18, 1897; lived a few years in Milton, Vt., and removed thence, in 1868, to Stockbridge, Vt. He married, Sept. 25, 1842, Lucretia Lincoln, who was born in Jericho, Vt., Jan. 23, 1823, and died in Stockbridge, Vt., March 31, 1880.

Children, i. to iv. born in Jericho, Vt., v. born in Milton, Vt.:

i. TRUMAN P.,[7] b. Oct. 21, 1843; living in Chicago.
ii. EDWIN J., b. Sept. 13, 1846; living in Stockbridge, Vt.; m. Dec. 31, 1873, Orpha B., dau. of William and Hannah (Brockway) Pierce.
iii. CHARLES W., b. Sept. 18, 1853; drowned March 30, 1865.
iv. FRED F., b. May 21, 1857; living at Lake Geneva, Wis.
v. CHARLES S., b. Dec. 6, 1867; living in Randolph, Vt.; m. May 22, 1890, Stella L., b. in Rochester, Vt., May 6, 1874, dau. of George W. and Melissa L. Jones of Hancock, Vt. Three children: *William James*,[8] b. in Concord, N. H., Dec. 2, 1891. 2. *George Harold*, b. in Hancock, Vt., May 22, 1893. 3. *Charles Irving*, b. in Hancock, Vt., April 18, 1897.

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SAMUEL WATSON[6] BENT (*Samuel B.*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Rutland, Mass., Oct. 27, 1811, and died in New Ipswich, N. H., Feb. 6, 1861, æ. 49. When in his seventh

year, the parental home was changed from Massachusetts to Vermont (Middlebury). At sixteen, he left for Boston, where, in 1832, he opened a dry-goods store on Washington Street, near the present Franklin Street. In 1849, he went to California; upon his return to the East, two years later, he spent a few months in New York, and finally located in New Ipswich, N. H.

He married, Aug. 3, 1836, Mary Narcissa Barrett, who was born in Bakersfield, Vt., Aug. 24, 1816, and died in Boston, Mass., May 28, 1892, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Appleton) Barrett.

Children, both born in Boston:

261. i. SAMUEL ARTHUR,[7] b. July 1, 1841.

ii. JOSEPH APPLETON, b. Feb. 22, 1843; d. of consumption in Nashua, N. H., Aug. 12, 1869; graduated, in 1865, from Yale College, where he obtained the De Forest gold medal, "for the best written and spoken oration in the senior class"; entered the Columbia Law School, but ill health prevented the completion of the course.

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MARY AVERY[6] BENT (*Samuel B.*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Middlebury, Vt., Jan. 7, 1819, and died Jan. 11, 1890, at Las Vegas, N. M., while on the way to California to visit a daughter. She married, Sept. 19, 1838, Rev. Jonathan Blanchard who was born in Rockingham, Vt., Jan. 19, 1811, and died in Wheaton, Ill., May 14, 1892. He was educated at Middlebury College, Vermont, Andover and Lane seminaries; taught school; lectured in the anti-slavery cause; was American vice-president of the World's Anti-slavery Convention in London, 1843; was pastor of Sixth Street Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, O., from 1838 to 1845; President of Knox College,* Galesburg, Ill., from 1846 to 1860, and President of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., from 1860 to 1882; devoted much of his time to the Christian Association opposed to Secret Societies.

Mary Avery Bent left her home in the spring of 1835, when only sixteen years old, and, with a young friend, set out for the then distant State of Pennsylvania. The beginning of the following year found her principal of the Girls' High School in Harrisburg, where she first met her future husband, then on an anti-slavery lecturing tour. Securing her position in Harrisburg for her sister, she set out in 1837 for Montgomery, Ala., where she taught a few months in the Female Seminary, and then returned to her Vermont home. The following fall, a nineteen-year-old bride, she bade farewell to her native hills and began her duties as a minister's wife in Cincinnati. She was a woman of true piety, gentle but resolute,

* Founded in February, 1837.

and in her home, in the church, and in the reforms so ardently espoused by her husband, was always ready with her untiring energy and unfailing judgment.

Children, i. to iv. born in Cincinnati, v. to xii. born in Galesburg, Ill.:

i. JONATHAN EDWARDS[8] BLANCHARD, b. July 24, 1839; d. æ. 7 mos.

ii. MARY AVERY BLANCHARD, b. Jan. 7, 1841; d. of consumption in Wheaton, Ill., Dec. 6, 1860; graduated from Wheaton College, and taught two years; a bright, sunshiny girl, and a good singer.

iii. WILLIAM WALTER BLANCHARD, b. Dec. 16, 1842; d. in infancy.

iv. CATHERINE LUCRETIA BLANCHARD, b. July 13, 1844; killed on the railroad, June 21, 1876; m. Sept. 17, 1862, Rev. James P. Stoddard, and moved to Byron, Ill. Six children.

v. MARIA ELIZABETH BLANCHARD, b. Oct. 30, 1846; graduated from Wheaton College; m. Aug. 5, 1869, Ezra A. Cook, printer and book publisher, of Chicago, where she still lives. Ten children.

vi. CHARLES ALBERT BLANCHARD, b. Nov. 8, 1848; succeeded his father as President of Wheaton College, where he still remains; m. first, 1873, Ellen M. Milligan, who d. October, 1884; m. second, 1886, A. Jennie Carothers, who d. February, 1894; m. third, February, 1896, his second wife's sister, Frances Carothers, M.D., of Des Moines, Iowa. Five children by the first marriage, and three by the second.

vii. WILLISTON BLANCHARD, b. Sept. 13, 1850; d. æ. 7 years.

viii. NORA EMILY BLANCHARD (twin), b. April 3, 1853; living in Wheaton, Ill.; graduated from Wheaton College; m. Oct. 15, 1873, Henry L. Kellogg of Chicago, Ill., who d. in 1895. Eleven children.

ix. SONORA CAROLINE BLANCHARD (twin), b. April 3, 1853; lives in Wheaton; graduated from Wheaton College; m. December, 1875, Thomas E. Kennedy, who d. in 1893; lived seventeen years in California, where he was principal of the High School in San José, and Inspector of Schools and attorney in San Francisco. Six children.

x. JULIA WATERS BLANCHARD, b. April 16, 1855; living in Wheaton, Ill.; graduated from Wheaton College; has published a life of her mother (159 pages); m. June 30, 1875, Herman A. Fischer, professor of mathematics in Wheaton College. Eleven children.

xi. CYRUS LOUIS BLANCHARD, b. July 11, 1857; d. unm. March 10, 1884; graduated from Wheaton College, 1878; studied law two years in Chicago, and practised four years.

xii. GERALDINE CECILIA BLANCHARD, b. Oct. 15, 1859; graduated from Wheaton College; living in Wheaton, Ill; m. June 30, 1882, William H. Fischer, who was professor of modern languages, but is now practising law in Chicago, Ill. He is a brother of Prof. H. A. Fischer. Eight children.

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JOSEPH AVERY[6] BENT (*Samuel B.*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Middlebury, Vt., April 22, 1823; still living (1899). He graduated from Middlebury (Vt.) College in 1845, and was instructor in several seminaries and colleges in the few succeeding years. He studied theology at Union Seminary, New York, in 1850, and at Andover, Mass., in 1851–52; preached in Stowe and Cornwall, Vt., Hoyleton and Huey, Ill. He retired from pastoral work in 1872, and has since been engaged in finding homes for colonists and others in the West. He lives in South Omaha, Neb., in summer, and in Houston, Texas, in winter; has large orchards of pear, plum, peach, fig and other fruit trees at Arcola, eighteen miles from Houston.

He married, in Burlington, Vt., Nov. 21, 1854, Cynthia Ann (Bullard) Root, who died in Wheaton, Ill., April 8, 1876.

Children, i. and ii. born in Vermont, iii. and iv. in Hoyleton, Ill.:

i. CATHERINE MARY,[7] b. Nov. 19, 1855; living in South Omaha, Neb.; m. Feb. 23, 1887, Edmund C. Low, a lawyer, who d. suddenly in 1898. Three children.

262. ii. JOSEPH AVERY, b. April 23, 1857.

263. iii. SAMUEL ADAMS, b. March 4, 1861.

iv. ANNA MARIA, b. July 17, 1862; living in Beatrice, Neb.; m. Jan. 20, 1890, J. Edward Jones.

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GEORGE[6] BENT (*Samuel B.*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Middlebury, Vt., March 29, 1827; living with his children in the West. After two years spent in his brother's dry-goods store in Boston, he accompanied his brother-in-law, Rev. Jonathan Blanchard, to Galesburg, Ill., where he entered upon a course of study at Knox College, of which Mr. Blanchard was president. After graduating, in 1849, he taught school at Brookville, Ind., and Richmond, Ky., for two years, and then prepared for the ministry at Andover, Mass. (1851–52), and Yale University (one year). He was ordained as an Orthodox clergyman, Oct. 20, 1856; preached in Dundee, Ill., Onoka, Minn., Lansing and Burr Oak, Ia., Seneca, Kan., Red Cloud, Loup City and Hazard, Neb. In Jan., 1892, he was elected Judge of Sherman County, Neb. Since Jan., 1896, he has retired from active labors.

He married, Sept. 12, 1853, Mary Priscilla, daughter of Roswell and Elvira Payne. She was born in Bridport, Vt., Jan. 11, 1825, and died in Nebraska, Aug. 17, 1898.

Children, i. born in Dundee, Ill., iii. to vi. born in Burr Oak, Iowa:

264. i. GEORGE PAYNE,[7] b. June 16, 1854.
ii. SAMUEL BROWNING, d. 1861.
265. iii. CHARLES AVERY, b. Oct. 10, 1860.
iv. MARY CATHERINE, b. March 31, 1862; d. 1864.
266. v. ARTHUR SUMNER, b. July 17, 1864.
vi. HATTIE MARIA, b. Aug. 10, 1867; living, unm., in Chicago.

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FRANCIS[6] BENT (*John*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), blacksmith, was born in Middleboro', Mass., March 10, 1754; moved to Wareham (Mass.), where he died, Oct. 27, 1828, æ. 74. He was a fifer in Capt. Joshua Benson's company around Boston from May to Dec., 1775, and tradition adds that at the battle of Bunker Hill he was detailed to repair muskets near the battlefield. In Dec., 1776, he marched to Rhode Island in Lieut. Jonah Washburn's company on an alarm; in Sept. and Oct., 1777, he was out thirty-one days in Capt. Nehemiah Allen's company in another expedition to Rhode Island; in May, 1778, he was out a few days at Dartmouth, and again in Aug., 1780, he saw further service.

After his marriage, he lived a few years in what is now South Carver, then a part of Plympton, some ten miles south of his birthplace, but, about 1789, pushed on some seven or eight miles further south to Wareham, a fishing and manufacturing settlement at the head of Buzzard's Bay, some sixteen miles from Plymouth. He lived in the part known as Parker's Mills. The town had been incorporated in 1739. Here he did a large business, making harpoons, agricultural implements, edge tools, etc.

He married, first, Silva Sturdevant, who was born March 16, 1757, and died Aug. 5, 1793; married, second, Nov. 20, 1794, Abigail Dexter Bates, who was born Sept. 4, 1775; married, third, Mrs. Kezia Pierce; no children by the last marriage.

Children of Francis and Silva, all born in Plympton, probably, except the last, born in Wareham:

i. ISAAC,[7] b. Feb. 16, 1780; d. June 17, 1799.
ii. MARY, b. Jan. 4, 1782; m. Sylvanus Harlow of Bridgewater, Mass.
iii. SYLVA, b. Feb. 10, 1784; lived to be over 80; m. Lewis Harlow of Bridgewater, brother of Sylvanus above.
iv. FRANCIS, b. March 15, 1786; left home in his minority; lived a few years in Baltimore, Md., where he married; moved to Ohio, near Chillicothe, and later removed to Nauvoo, Ill., after the Mormons had been expelled from the place.
267. v. JOSEPH, b. Feb. 29, 1788.
268. vi. JOHN, b. July 7, 1790.

Children of Francis and Abigail, all born in Wareham:

i. JAMES,[7] b. and d. 1795.
ii. MARTIN, b. Nov. 14, 1797; d. of quick consumption on the way home from a voyage around Cape Horn.

269. iii. ISAAC, b. Aug. 4, 1799.

iv. JANE DEXTER BATES, b. Feb. 18, 1801; d. in Foxboro', Mass., Feb. 9, 1874; m. Samuel Fuller of Middleboro', b. Dec. 6, 1792, d. Feb. 16, 1843. Four children: 1. *Jane*,[8] m. George Godfrey. 2. *Susan*, m. T. B. Carpenter. 3. *Mary*, m. Lewis Pond. 4. *Eliza*, m. Benjamin Crossman, and lives in Rochester, N. Y.

v. TIRZAH, b. Feb. 13, 1803; m. in Canton, Mass., Dec. 5, 1822, Freeman Belcher. Two children: 1. *Mary Ann*,[8] m. Mark Bump. 2. *Merritt Bates*.

vi. EMELINE, b. Oct. 23, 1804; m. Jacob Thompson of Halifax, Mass. Several children.

vii. JAMES, b. May 20, 1806.

270. viii. LUCY, b. March 17, 1808; m. Jonathan Perry.

ix. LEWIS, b. March 7, 1810; d. in Lynn, Mass., Feb. 25, 1870; m. Jane W. Savary, who d. in Foxboro', Mass., July 24, 1893. No children.

x. ABIGAIL, b. March 17, 1812; d. in Wareham, Mass.; m. March 1, 1841, Spencer Bartlett. One child, *James*,[8] living in Wareham.

271. xi. WILSON DEXTER, b. June, 1814.

xii. ELIZA COBB, b. May 20, 1817; d. in East Bridgewater, Mass., Dec. 3, 1859; m. Oct. 11, 1835, Lysander Washburn (1810–1875). Two children: 1. *Selden M.*,[8] living in Westdale, Mass. 2. *Maria*, d. July 20, 1854, æ. 16.

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JOHN[6] BENT (*John*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born Feb., 1763, in Middleboro', Mass., where he died Sept. 14, 1853, æ. 90. Most of his active business life was spent in the adjoining town of Carver, which was set off from Plympton in 1790 and joins Plymouth. About 1792 he began operating a forge at what is now known as Benson's Point (Carver), where he made wrought iron bars; this he sold out in 1798 or 1799, and, with others, started a furnace in another part of the town, Pope's Point, where he remained until about 1817, when he and Timothy Savary purchased the Federal Furnace, where they made hollow ware, pots, kettles, etc., until about 1830. This latter furnace, erected in 1794, had made cannon balls for the government during the War of 1812, hence the name.

He married, first, Oct. 26, 1788, Elizabeth Murdock, who was born June 10, 1771, and died June 7, 1808, youngest daughter of Bartlett Murdock, who was a son of John and Ruth (Bartlett) Murdock; married, second, Polly Shaw, who died Jan. 11, 1818.

Children of John and Elizabeth, all born in Carver:

i. ELIZABETH,[7] b. Nov. 8, 1795; d. April 11, 1865; m. John Cobb of Middleboro', brother of George below. Three children: 1. *Betsey*.[8] 2. *Lucy*. 3. *John*.

272. ii. BARTLETT, b. Nov. 30, 1797.

iii. LUCY, b. June 25, 1801; d. March 5, 1842; m. Ellis Griffith. Four children: 1. *Thomas B.*,[8] b. 1823; d. 1897; capt. of Co. B, 3d Mass. Infantry in civil war, and afterwards major of militia and president of Murdock Parlor Grate Co. 2. *Charles W.* (1825–1893). 3. *Ann M. B.*, m. Dr. Benjamin Shurtleff, and went to California. 4. *Lucius Ellis*, d. during civil war.

273. iv. THOMAS, b. Nov. 8, 1803.

Children of John and Polly, all born in Carver:

i. EMILY[7] b. Oct. 27, 1810; d. in Carver, Nov. 28, 1897; m. Nov. 3, 1833, George Cobb, b. in Carver, May 9, 1810, d. in Carver, Sept. 24, 1854. Five children: 1. *Erastus W.*,[8] b. Nov. 22, 1834; d. in Carver, May, 1853. 2. *George F.*, b. Dec. 20, 1835; living in Middleboro', Mass.; m. Jan. 2, 1860, Eliza A. Murdock of Carver. 3. *Melvina F.*, b. June 2, 1838; m. in December, 1859, W. F. Shurtleff of Carver. 4. *Isaac*, b. April 12, 1843; living in Boston. 5. *Nathan*, b. 1847; d. 1851.

ii. MARY A., b. Oct. 8, 1812; d. in Carver; m. June 5, 1836, Stillman Ward. Four children: 1. *Henry.*[8] 2. *Stillman.* 3. *Laura.* 4. *Anselm.*

iii. ADALINE C., b. Dec. 24, 1814; d. in Carver, June 23, 1864; m. Harrison Shaw.

iv. GEORGE W., b. June 3, 1817; d. in Carver, Mass., Nov. 21, 1892; m. Anne Mitchell. No children. With Jesse Murdock, Matt. Ellis and Thomas B. Griffith, he founded, in 1834, what is now known as the Murdock Parlor Grate Co., of Boston. The firm was known as Bent, Griffith & Co. until his retirement, in 1866, after which it became Murdock & Co., bearing the latter name until its incorporation in 1875.

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EXPERIENCE[6] BENT (*John*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Middleboro,' Mass., about 1764, and died in Middleboro', July 12, 1848, in his 85th year; buried in North Carver. He married, Oct. 27, 1790, Salome Cushing of Halifax, Mass., who died in Middleboro', Aug. 27, 1834, in her 63d year.

Children, all born in Middleboro':

i. SAMUEL,[7] b. April 2, 1791; kept a hotel in Rochester, N. Y.; was a fine singer; married and had a daughter.

ii. LYDIA, b. March 27, 1793; m. Jerome Messinger of New Hampshire.

iii. NANCY, b. Jan. 24, 1795; d. Dec. 27, 1869; m. Aug. 22, 1821, Joab Lindley, an architect. Four children: 1. *Warren Joab*,[8] b. 1822; d. in Watertown, Mass., 1865. 2. *Charles Decatur*, b. 1824; d. 1832. 3. *Nancy Maria*, b. June 21, 1826; m. Henry Bump of Middleboro'. 4. *Henry Clay*, b. Feb. 28, 1829; d. in Foxboro', Mass., June 14, 1895; was chaplain in U. S. army in Texas five years and in civil war three years; m. his second cousin, Mary Jane, dau. of Jonathan and Lucy (Bent) Perry.

iv. BETHIA, b. Feb. 19, 1797; m. Cebra Briggs of Middleboro'.
274. v. JOHN, b. May 30, 1799.
vi. SALOME, b. March 9, 1801; m. Martin Leach of Putnam, Conn.
vii. EXPERIENCE, b. May 28, 1803; d. unm. Oct. 6, 1825, of heart disease while dancing.
viii. WINSLOW, b. July 19, 1805; d. July 18, 1827, leaving a widow, Nancy, who d. Feb. 5, 1837, in her 36th year; both buried in North Carver.
ix. EVERETT, b. Dec. 3, 1807; d. Oct. 21, 1847; m. April 6, 1836, his cousin Betsey C., dau. of Zenas[6] Bent.
275. x. EBENEZER, b. Oct. 10, 1809.
276. xi. LUTHER, b. Jan. 7, 1812.
xii. OTIS, b. May 12, 1815; d. Sept. 6, 1815.
277. xiii. OTIS, b. May, 1816.

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WILLIAM[6] BENT (*John*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Middleboro', Mass., in 1767; was a nail maker, and moved, about 1796, to Paris,* Me., where he died April 24, 1858, æ. 91. He married, Feb. 23, 1790, Olive Cushman Bessey of Wareham, Mass., who died in Paris, Me., in 1851.

Children, i. and ii. born in Middleboro', the others in Paris, Me.:

i. OLIVE,[7] b. Nov. 30, 1790; d. young.
278. ii. OTIS, b. Aug. 23, 1793.
279. iii. ORREN, b. March 27, 1796.
280. iv. WILLIAM, b. March 24, 1798.
v. OLIVE, b. Sept. 10, 1800; m. Mark Rawson.
vi. BETHIA, b. Oct. 5, 1802; m. Tristam Norton of Livermore, Me.
vii. CHRISTIANA, b. March 4, 1805; m. Alanson M. Dunham of Norway, Me., where she died.
viii. ALMIRA, b. March 14, 1807; d. in Chelsea; m. Samuel Jackson Durell of Chelsea, Mass.
281. ix. JOHN, b. March 12, 1809.
x. LUCY COLE, b. Sept. 15, 1812; d. Nov. 1, 1842; m. 1834, Simeon Cummings, Jr. (1812–1866) of Paris, Me., store keeper and deputy sheriff, a man of wealth and influence. He m. again.

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ZENAS[6] BENT (*John*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Middleboro' in 1771; died in Middleboro', Feb. 1, 1823; buried in North Carver. He married, Sept. 2, 1795, Eunice Lyon of Halifax, Mass., who died Oct. 8, 1850, æ. 74.

Children, all born in Middleboro', probably:

i. LETITIA,[7] b. Oct. 13, 1796; d. in Taunton, Mass., Feb. 8, 1869; m. Oct. 13, 1816, Eliab Richardson of Franklin, Mass. Four children: 1. *Harrison Haven*[8] *Richardson*, b. Oct. 31, 1817;

* Paris incorporated 1793, when Maine was still a part of Massachusetts.

living at Nayatt Point, R. I.; m. Oct. 2, 1845, Mary Dane Tripp, by whom he has one son, Louis Haven Richardson. 2. *Eveline Eliza Richardson*, b. 1821; d. about 1837. 3. *Louisa Maria Richardson*, b. May 21, 1823; d. about 1870. 4. *Anginette Amelia Richardson*, b. Jan. 27, 1828; m. Gustavus Adolphus White, and lives in New Bedford, Mass.

282. ii. ASAHEL, b. 1797.

iii. ELFEAR (or Fear), d. in East Bridgewater, Mass., about 1856; m. first ——— Standish; one daughter, *Harriet*[8] *Standish*, m. William Baylies of Dighton, Mass. Fear m. second ——— Edson; two children: 1. *Mary*[8] *Edson*. 2. *Helen Edson*. Both married.

iv. BETSEY COBB, b. about 1808; d. in Middleboro' in 1885; m. first, April 6, 1836, her cousin Everett[7] Bent; m. second, Caleb Lucas of Middleboro'; no children by either marriage.

v. EUNICE, b. Nov. 13, 1810; d. in Waltham, Mass., Sept. 7, 1828.

vi. LUCY MORSE, b. Dec. 25, 1813; d. Jan. 13, 1871, æ. 57; m. June 23, 1842, Joseph Pierce of Dighton, Mass., a native of Fairhaven, Mass., who d. March 22, 1866, æ. 77. Three children: 1. *Charlotte Louise*[8] *Pierce*, d. 1852, æ. 6. 2. *Roswell Adrian Pierce*. 3. *Zenas Bent Pierce*, living in Taunton, Mass.

vii. ZENAS, b. April 28, 1815; lived in Honolulu, S. I., where he was a builder or repairer of vessels; lost at sea in the spring of 1867.

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JOSEPH[6] BENT (*Joseph*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Plymouth, Mass., about 1760; was taken a dozen years later to Yarmouth, N. S. He married, Aug. 17, 1780, Priscilla, daughter of Capt. Samuel Harris.

Children, i. and ii. recorded and probably all born in Yarmouth, N. S.:

i. ELIZABETH,[7] b. Sept. 17, 1781; d. April 26, 1849, æ. 67; m. Samuel Rodney. Nine children: 1. *Nathan*.[8] 2. *Josiah*. 3. *Samuel*. 4. *Jonathan*. 5. *Amasa*. 6. *Cynthia*, married Ezra Harris, Jr. 7. *Alice*, m. Capt. James Ritchie, Jr. 8. *Mary Ann*, m. Capt. William Crosby. 9. *Elizabeth*, d. unm.

ii. LUCY, b. July 26, 1782; m. Ezra Harris.

iii. ESTHER, m. James Ritchie. Ten children: 1. *James*.[8] 2. *William*. 3. *Elihu*, d. unm. 4. *Joel*. 5. *Esther*, m. Wellington Wyman. 6. *Mary*, m. first John Gray, and second his brother Nelson Gray. 7. *Charlotte*, m. Benjamin Whitehouse. 8. *Benjamin*. 9. *Joseph N*. 10. *Isabel*, m. William Thurston, Jr.

iv. BETHIAH, m. John Porter.

v. HANNAH, m. Nov. 1806, Benjamin Harris, Jr.

283. vi. WATERMAN.

vii. JOSEPH.

284. viii. SAMUEL.

285. ix. JOHN.
x. PRISCILLA.
xi. ZILPAH.

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ELKANAH[6] BENT (*Joseph*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), mariner, was born, probably, in Plymouth, Mass.; went to Yarmouth, N. S., with his parents in 1772; died at Short Beach, N. S., June 27, 1858. He lived in Yarmouth, N. S., until the war of 1812, when the vessel in which all of his money was invested was taken by an American privateer, it is said. He then moved some ten miles from Yarmouth, to what is now known as Short Beach or Sanford, and made a home for himself and family in the wilderness. He married Eunice, daughter of Nathaniel Elwell, who moved from Beverly, Mass., to Yarmouth, N. S., in 1765.

Children, all born in Yarmouth, N. S.:

i. JOHN,[7] b. 1794; d. May 16, 1861.
286. ii. JAMES.
iii. HANNAH, d. at Short Beach, N. S.; m. Aaron Baker, farmer, of Short Beach, N. S. Two children: 1. *Albert*,[8] a sea captain. 2. *Annie*, m. Charles Crosby and lived in Lynn, Mass.
287. iv. WILLIAM.
v. EUNICE, d. Jan. 21, 1888; m. Samuel Raymond and lived in Milton Highlands, N. S. Five children.
vi. SARAH, d. in Chebogue, N. S.; m. Dimock Doane. No children.
288. vii. ALEXANDER.
viii. REBECCA, b. Sept. 16, 1808; d. Feb. 16, 1856; m. first, Feb. 6, 1834, Robert Beveridge, a sea captain; m. second, Jan. 11, 1849, John Phillips. Three children by first marriage: 1. *Amanda Malvina*[8] *Beveridge*, b. June 10, 1835; living at Lake Darling, N. S.; m. June 26, 1853, Daniel Ellis, and has had eleven children. 2. *Robert Beveridge*, b. Oct. 7, 1838. 3. *Thomas Beveridge*, b. Oct. 26, 1840. One child by second marriage, *John Thompson Phillips*, b. May 24, 1851.
289. ix. CHARLES, b. Dec. 1810.

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JAMES[6] BENT (*Joseph*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born, probably, in Plymouth, Mass., taken by his parents to Yarmouth, N. S., in 1772, and died Dec. 26, 1849. He married Esther, dau. of Samuel Baker.

Children, i. to iii. recorded in Yarmouth, N. S.:

i. ELKANAH,[7] b. Jan. 24, 1803.
ii. LOIS, b. Dec. 27, 1805; m. Feb. 6, 1841, Charles Munro.
iii. JAMES, b. Oct. 29, 1807; settled in Liverpool, N. S.
iv. AMOS.
v. WEALTHY, b. 1811; d. unm. April 4, 1889.

vi. MILTON, lost with the brig Paragon in Feb. 1841.
vii. WILLIAM.
viii. PHŒBE, lost and frozen to death when about six years old.

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JOSEPH[6] BENT (*Joseph*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) farmer, was born Aug. 21, 1762, in Milton, Mass., where he died Sept. 25, 1849, æ. 87; a major of militia; moderator of the town meetings in 1808, 1810 and 1814. He married, March 20, 1787, Sarah White of Milton, where she died Jan. 19, 1857, æ. 88.

Children, all born in Milton:

i. SALLY,[7] b. Nov. 23, 1787; d. unm. in Milton, July 15, 1829.
ii. EUNICE, b. Jan. 20, 1790; d. unm. in Milton, Feb. 5, 1857.
iii. NANCY, b. Nov. 29, 1799; d. unm. in Milton, April 1, 1889, æ. 89.

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LEMUEL[6] BENT (*William*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born Feb. 17, 1766, in the village of Ponkipog, now a part of the town of Canton, then a part of Stoughton, Mass. Sometime before his marriage he moved to Alexandria, Va., but before 1800 transferred his residence to Winchester, Va., where he died April 5, 1849, æ. 83. He was clerk in the court at Winchester, and later clerk of the railroad running from Winchester to Harper's Ferry. He married, Sept. 13, 1792, Betsey Lewis, born in Dedham, Mass., Nov. 19, 1766, died in Winchester, Va., June, 1850, æ. 83, daughter of Joseph and Molly (Baker) Lewis.

Children, i. born in Alexandria, Va., the others in Winchester, Va.:

i. ELIZA LEWIS,[7] b. Aug. 18, 1797; d. in Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 13, 1865, æ. 67; m. June 20, 1816, Alexander Holliday of Winchester, Va. One child, *Elizabeth Bent*[8] *Holliday*, b. April 16, 1822; d. Sept. 28, 1868; m. Rev. Archibald Alexander Hodge, D.D., LL.D., afterwards of Princeton Theological Seminary. He d. Nov. 11, 1886, æ. 63, leaving two daughters, both born in India: (1) Sarah Bache Hodge,[9] living in Princeton, N. J. (2) Elizabeth Holliday Hodge, d. March 15, 1893.
290. ii. MARY ANN, b. June 8, 1800; m. Rev. Francis McFarland.
iii. ROXANA DABNEY, b. March 20, 1802; d. unm. in Winchester, Va., Dec. 23, 1869.
iv. THEDA ELLIS, b. Feb. 14, 1805; d. unm. Nov. 21, 1836.
v. NATHANIEL, b. April 18, 1807; a Presbyterian elder and bank teller in Winchester, Va., where he died Dec. 11, 1869; m. in 1836 Martha Little of Winchester, who d. a few days after her husband. No children.
vi. WILLIAM LEMUEL, b. Jan. 13, 1814; was deputy county clerk and afterwards in the insurance business; d. in Winchester, Va., Dec. 11, 1878, æ. 64; m. Dec. 25, 1845, Martha Annan of Maryland. No children.

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WILLIAM[6] BENT (*William*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born Nov. 13, 1775, in Canton, Mass., where he died Dec. 26, 1847, æ. 72. He married, Oct. 12, 1811, Judith Swift Crane, who died in June, 1866.

Children, all recorded in Canton but the last:

i. LEMUEL,[7] b. 1812; d. 1814.
ii. SARAH, b. Oct. 26, 1813; d. in Thompsonville, Conn., Feb. 1891; m. Dec. 12, 1832, Elijah Benton. One daughter, *Charlotte T.*, m. in 1862 Benjamin F. Lord of Thompsonville, Conn.
iii. BETSEY, b. Feb. 21, 1815; d. in Kalamazoo, Mich., about 1859; m. in 1844 James Porter of Thompsonville, Conn. No children.
iv. CHLOE, b. Jan. 24, 1817; d. unm. in hospital at Boston, Oct. 31, 1877.
v. LEMUEL, b. Oct. 28, 1818; d. Sept. 1835.
291. vi. WILLIAM HENRY, b. June 13, 1819.
292. vii. RUFUS, b. Oct. 21, 1821.
293. viii. JOSEPH, b. Aug. 5, 1823.
294. ix. CHARLES CRANE, b. Sept. 8, 1826.
x. ANN, b. March 3, 1829; d. July, 1891; m. George Benton of Canton, Mass., brother of Elijah above. Two children: 1. *Walter*[8] *Benton*, m. in 1877 Ella Jaquith of Boston. 2. *Eliza Otis Benton*, m. in 1880 Wellington Donaldson.
xi. HORATIO NELSON, b. about 1831; d. unm. in Burlington, Kan., Nov. 24, 1873; went West when young and located in Burlington, Kan.; was a blacksmith, but read law, and from 1862 to 1868 was probate judge. He is described as an odd genius, tall, angular, careless in dress, but of a naturally legal turn of mind, with a wonderful memory, and in general a sort of walking encyclopedia.

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CHLOE[6] BENT (*William*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born March 9, 1781, in Canton, Mass., where she died May 14, 1852, æ. 71. She married, May 21, 1804, Deacon Thomas Dunbar, born July 25, 1775, died Dec. 8, 1855; a farmer who had, during a part of his life at least, a forge and a grist mill; was descended, through Hon. Elijah[3] (1740–1817) and Rev. Samuel[2] (1704–1783) from John[1] Dunbar, who came from Scotland to Boston about 1700, married Martha Holmes, and died in 1708.

Children, all born in Canton, Mass.:

i. CHLOE[7] DUNBAR, b. May 1, 1805; d. unm. Oct. 27, 1887.
ii. THOMAS DUNBAR (twin), b. Jan. 30, 1807; d. Feb 5, 1807.
iii. NATHANIEL DUNBAR (twin), b. Jan. 30, 1807; d. July 11, 1883; m. first, April 24, 1833, Julia Ann Cascalean Chase;

m. second, Aug. 20, 1838, Frances Ann Draper; m. third, Feb. 19, 1857, Lucinda Draper. By the second marriage he had five children: 1. *Francis Draper.*[8] 2. *Louisa.* 3. *Nathaniel William.* 4. *Anna Lucinda.* 5. *Julia Ann Cascalean.*

iv. WILLIAM DUNBAR, b. March 27, 1809; d. unm. Sept. 2, 1867.

v. DOROTHY DUNBAR, b. Oct. 5, 1810; d. unm. Sept. 7, 1833.

vi. SAMUEL DUNBAR, b. Nov. 12, 1812; d. in 1813.

vii. THOMAS DUNBAR, born Aug. 19, 1814; d. in Canton, Aug. 3, 1899; m. first, Dec. 20, 1837, Hannah Howe French; m. second, Sept. 29, 1869, Mrs. Harriet E. (Chamberlain) Wentworth. By the first marriage he had six children: 1. *Charles French,*[8] b. Jan. 6, 1839. 2. *Frederic,* b. 1840; d. 1883. 3. *Edward Thomas,* b. 1844; d. 1849. 4. *Alice Hannah,* b. 1848; d. 1849. 5. *Elwin Eugene,* b. 1850; d. 1874. 6. *William Thomas,* b. 1854; d. 1883.

viii. SARAH DUNBAR, b. July 17, 1816; d. Oct. 12, 1889; m. June 19, 1834, Nathaniel Davenport (1811–1894). Seven children: 1. *Jane.*[8] 2. *Nathaniel Thomas.* 3. *James Dunbar.* 4. *Francis William.* 5. *George Lyman.* 6. *Helen.* 7. *Waldo Emerson.*

ix. HANNAH DUNBAR, b. July 17, 1816; d. Dec. 17, 1846; m. April 30, 1840, Gerry Tucker. Two children: 1. *Samuel.*[8] 2. *Emily.*

x. MARY ANN DUNBAR, b. Feb. 21, 1819; d. June 27, 1868; m. Nov. 12, 1840, Virgil J. Messinger. Three children: 1. *Mary Fidelia.*[8] 2. *Virgil Dunbar,* d. young. 3. *Herbert Stanley,* b. 1847; d. 1889.

xi. ELIJAH DUNBAR, b. Jan. 6, 1821; m. April 23, 1859, Virginia Clifford. Three children: 1. *Laura Clifford,*[8] d. young. 2. *Edward Clifford,* b. 1862. 3. *Henry Clifford,* b. 1867.

xii. JULIA DUNBAR, b. Sept. 29, 1823; d. April 17, 1825.

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JAMES[6] BENT (*William,*[5] *Joseph,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]) was born Dec. 31, 1784, in the part of Stoughton, Mass., that was incorporated in 1797 as the town of Canton, where he died Feb. 3, 1847, æ. 62. He was a gun-smith and sword-cutler, and worked at the armory in Richmond, Va., during the early part of the war of 1812. He evidently was a good workman, as is shown by the following certificate, which has been preserved:

Virginia Manufactory of Arms, June, 1813.

James Bent, lately an Artificer in this Manufactory, and now in the State of Massachusetts, during his employment here was under my Superintendence for nearly five years. I have pleasure in saying he conducted himself with great propriety, and is a good workman at polishing all kinds of arms, finishing pistols, &c.

Given under my hand the date above.

JN STAPLES, Sup't.

After his return to Massachusetts, he worked at the machinist's trade a part of the time and taught school winters; but from 1833 until his death in 1847, he kept the Massapoag House in Canton. The hotel was built in 1789, and is still standing. From 1819 to 1824, he was adjutant of a militia regiment. He married, April 18, 1815, Hannah Crane Davenport, born Dec. 8, 1791, died Oct. 2, 1870, daughter of Jesse and Hannah (Crane) Davenport of Canton.

Children, all born in Canton:

i. HANNAH,[7] b. Jan. 28, 1817; d. unm. in Canton, Oct. 25, 1887.
ii. HARRIET, b. Jan. 28, 1817; d. æ. 11 mos.
iii. ELIJAH, b. May 5, 1824; d. unm. in Canton, March 23, 1893.
295. iv. NATHANIEL, b. May 5, 1824.

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ANN[6] BENT (*Rufus*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Milton, Mass., June 19, 1768; died, unmarried, in Canton, Mass., Feb. 27, 1857, æ. 88. As a young woman, she taught school on Milton Hill, but in 1795 opened a store on what is now Washington Street (then Marlboro' Street), near Summer Street, Boston, where she continued in active business until 1833. Her shop was a sort of ladies' exchange, and she was well and favorably known. She was a capable, energetic and generous woman, says the historian of Milton, and a constant attendant at the Federal Street Church during Channing's and Gannett's pastorates. For several years she lived over her store, even after she had turned the management of the business over to her relatives, Ann and William H. Allen, who continued there until the great fire of 1872; but the last two years of her life were spent with her sister, Mrs. Kinsley, in Canton. Her store was valued at $24,000 at her death.

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PRUDENCE[6] BENT (*Rufus*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), married, Aug. 18, 1794, Silas Kinsley, farmer, of Canton, Mass.

Children, all born in Canton:

i. SILAS[7] KINSLEY, b. April 24, 1795.
ii. RUFUS BENT KINSLEY, b. March 20, 1797; d. in Newport, R. I., Feb. 5, 1870; founded Kinsley's Express between Boston and Newport; this was afterward consolidated with the Adams Express Co., of which he became a director.
iii. MARY KINSLEY, b. April 2, 1798.
iv. ALLEN KINSLEY, b. April 25, 1801.
v. CHARLES KINSLEY, b. Feb. 21, 1806.
vi. ANN KINSLEY, b. July 17, 1808.
vii. MARIA KINSLEY, b. May 9, 1810.
viii. SARAH BARNARD KINSLEY, b. July 15, 1812.

ix. HENRY KINSLEY (twin), b. Feb. 4, 1816.
x. HELEN KINSLEY (twin), b. Feb. 4, 1816.
xi. EDWARD JAMES KINSLEY, b. March 9, 1820.

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ARETHUSA[6] BENT (*Jesse*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Milton, Mass., Dec. 24, 1759; moved about 1765 with her parents to Fort Lawrence, N. S., where she died March 16, 1820, æ. 60. She married, Jan. 7, 1779, Ephraim Church of Windsor, N. S., born in Little Compton, R. I., Sept. 20, 1751, died in Fort Lawrence, N. S., Oct. 3, 1790.

Children of Ephraim and Arethusa (Bent) Church:

i. CHARLES CHURCH,[7] b. April 13, 1780; d. unm. Sept. 16, 1812.
ii. GEORGE CHURCH, b. Feb. 7, 1782; d. Feb. 10, 1870; farmer, in Fort Lawrence, N. S.; m. Anna Brownell, who d. Jan. 14, 1876, æ. 90. Seven children: 1. *Melinda*,[8] m. Edward Carter. 2. *Elizabeth*, m. William Atkinson. 3. *Thomas*. 4. *Lavinia*, m. William Smith. 5. *Cynthia*, m. Edward Barnes of Wood Point, N. B. 6. *Jeremiah*, went to California. 7. *Ephraim*, living unm. at Fort Lawrence, N. S.
iii. JESSE CHURCH, b. Jan. 22, 1784; d. Sept. 15, 1856; farmer; lived at Point de Bute, N. B., and East Amherst, N. S.; m. April 14, 1808, Lavinia Brownell (1788–1869). Fifteen children: 1. *Ephraim*. 2. *Anna Brownell*, m. John William Burnham of St. John, N. B. 3. *Arethusa Bent*, m. Amos Botsford Barnes, grandson of Jacobina[6] Bent, who m. Nehemiah Ayer. 4. *Lavinia*, m. George Frederick Calkins. 5. *Charles Lemuel*. 6. *William Constant*. 7. *Aaron Alexander*. 8. *Jessie Rebecca*, unm. 9. *James Harvey*, d. in Austin, Texas, 1880. 10. *Margaret Ann*, m. William Edward Weldon of Moncton, N. B. 11. *Edward Weldon*. 12. *Clarissa*. 13. *Harlon*. 14. *Sarah Oressa*. 15. *Caroline Elizabeth*. Last five d. young.
iv. EDWARD CHURCH, b. Oct. 27, 1786; m. Isabel Weldon. Twelve children. 1. *Sarah*, m. John Travis. 2. *Elizabeth*, m. James Travis. 3. *Catherine*, m. James Schurman of River Philip, N. S. 4. *Abel*, m. ——— Bent. 5. *Clementina*, m. Rufus Henson of Oxford, N. S. 6. *Matilda*, m. ——— Vickery. 7. *Selina*, m. ——— Leek. 8. *Augusta*, m. ——— Howard. 9. *John*, m. Mrs. Eliza (Black) Black, dau. of Joshua and Amy[6] (Bent) Black. 10. *Harvey*, d. young. 11. *Martha*, d. young. 12. *Arethusa*, d. young.
v. ELIZABETH CHURCH, b. Jan. 29, 1788; m. Sylvanus Miner of Mt. Whately, N. B. Two children: 1. *George*. 2. *John*.
vi. LAVINIA CHURCH, b. Jan. 28, 1790; m. John McClelan of Fort Lawrence, N. S. Five children.

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MARTIN[6] BENT (*Jesse*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Milton, Mass., April 16, 1762; was taken in

childhood to Fort Lawrence, N. S., where he died April 20, 1842, æ. 80. He married, Dec. 12, 1786, Mrs. Amy (Esterbrooks) Ayer, born Sept. 14, 1763, died June 4, 1845, widow of Capt. Mariner Ayer of Sackville, N. B., a sea captain, who died March 10, 1785, the result of his vessel being wrecked near Grand Manan.

Children, all born in Fort Lawrence, N. S.:

296. i. CYNTHIA,[7] b. Sept. 7, 1787; m. Harmon Trueman.
ii. LOVICY, b. 1789; d. 1793.
297. iii. CALVIN GAY, b. Nov. 9, 1791.
298. iv. MARTIN, b. July 30, 1793.
299. v. EUNICE CONVISS, b. Feb. 15, 1796; m. Robert K. Trueman.
300. vi. SERAPHINA, b. Sept. 5, 1798; m. Richard Hewson.
301. vii. JAMES VALENTINE, b. Oct. 18, 1800.
302. viii. JOHN, b. April 6, 1806.

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JACOBINA[6] BENT (*Jesse*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Milton, Mass., Jan. 26, 1764; taken soon afterward to Fort Lawrence, N. S., and died in Sackville, N. B., March 23, 1840, æ. 76. She married, Sept. 11, 1783, Nehemiah Ayer, born 1754, died Oct. 3, 1842.

Children:

i. LUCRETIA AYER,[7] b. Oct. 9, 1786; m. Oliver Barnes of Wood Point, N. B. Ten children: 1. *Rebecca.*[8] 2. *Stephen.* 3. *Ann.* 4. *Charles.* 5. *Martha.* 6. *Sarah*, m. John[8] Bent. 7. *Matilda.* 8. *Eunice.* 9. *Olive.* 10. *Lucretia.* 11. *Letitia.*

ii. THOMAS AYER, b. Oct. 3, 1788; m. ——— Estabrooks. Seven children: 1. *Valentine.*[8] 2. *Manford.* 3. *William.* 4. *Charles.* 5. *Joseph.* 6. *Cynthia.* 7. *Jane.*

iii. JANE AYER, b. May 23, 1790; m. James Barnes and lived near Sackville, N. B. Twelve children: 1. *Cynthia.*[8] 2. *Jacobina.* 3. *Jane.* 4. *Prudence.* 5. *John.* 6. *Rebecca.* 7. *Julia.* 8. *Silas.* 9. *James.* 10. *Edward.* 11. *Amos Botsford*, m. Arethusa Bent Church, granddaughter of Arethusa[6] Bent. 12. Alfred.

iv. JESSE AYER, b. Sept. 29, 1794; lived at Beech Hill, N. B.; m. ——— Harper. Six children: 1. *Albert.*[8] 2. *Edward.* 3. *John.* 4. *Belle.* 5. *Eunice.* 6. *Mercy.*

v. JOSEPH AYER, b. Dec. 2, 1796; d. unm. in Sackville, N. B., where he was a mill-wright.

vi. JAMES AYER, b. Nov. 3, 1798; manufacturer in Middle Sackville; m. Elizabeth Chase of Cornwallis, N. S. Six children: 1. *Stephen.*[8] 2. *James R.* 3. *Nehemiah.* 4. *Jacobina*, m. Charles Stockton of St. John, N. B. 5. *Submit.* 6. *Sarah.*

vii. WILLIAM AYER, b. Dec. 9, 1801; lived in Sackville, N. B. Two children: 1. *Jacobina.*[8] 2. *Alfred.*

viii. SARAH AYER, b. Dec. 17, 1804; lived in Sackville, N. B.; m. Henry Ogden, a farmer. Three children: 1. *Amos.*[8] 2. *Eunice.* 3. *William.*

ix. EUNICE AYER, b. March 2, 1807; d. unm.

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CYNTHIA[6] BENT (*Jesse*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Fort Lawrence, N. S., April 22, 1766. She married George Oxley, and settled in Wallace, N. S.

Children:

i. EUNICE[7] OXLEY, d. unm.
ii. MARY B. OXLEY, m. Richard Smith of Maitland, N. S. No children.
iii. JOSEPH OXLEY, living in Wallace, N. S.; m. Miss Nichols. No children.
iv. ARETHUSA OXLEY, m. Richard Black of River Philip, N. S. Nine children: 1. *George Oxley.*[8] 2. *Cynthia*, m. John Powers of Black River, N. S. 3. *Richard Lorenzo.* 4. *Jane*, m. Edwin J. Purdy of Westchester, N. S. 5. *James.* 6. *Elizabeth*, m. Henry Cove. 7. *Margaret*, m. Martin[8] Bent (*q. v.*). 8. *Emeline*, m. Caleb Schurman of Black River, N. S. 9. *Augusta*, m. her cousin Rupert Donkin of River Philip, N. S.
v. H. NELSON OXLEY, d. unm.
vi. GEORGIANNA OXLEY, m. Mr. Stephens of Wallace, N. S.
vii. CYNTHIA ELIZA OXLEY, m. Robert Donkin of River Philip, N. S. Six children: 1. *George.*[8] 2. *Olivia*, m. John W. Schurman of River Philip, N. S. 3. *Hiram.* 4. *Frederic.* 5. *Rupert.* 6. *Amelia*, m. first, Charles Lawrence of Southampton, N. S.; m. second, Mr. Pugsley of Amherst, N. S.
viii. ALMIRA OXLEY, m. David Freeze of Maitland, N. S. Three children: 1. *George.*[8] 2. *Frederic.* 3. *Abigail.*
ix. MARGARET WOOLER OXLEY, m. James Christie of River Hebert, N. S. Seven children: 1. *George.*[8] 2. *Robert.* 3. *Charles.* 4. *Alexander.* 5. *Edward.* 6. *Angelina.* 7. *Mary.*

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TRYPHENIA[6] BENT (*Jesse*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Fort Lawrence, N. S., Oct. 1, 1767; died in Maccan(?), N. S., Aug. 25, 1853, æ. 85. She married, Nov. 22, 1786, Luke Harrison, born in Yorkshire, Eng., Aug. 25, 1754, died April 25, 1820, son of John and Sarah (Lovell) Harrison, who came from England to Maccan, N. S., in 1774.

Children:

i. JANE[7] HARRISON, m. ——— Bostwick. No children.
ii. MARGARET HARRISON, d. young.
iii. GEORGE HARRISON.
iv. HANNAH HARRISON, m. ——— Boss.
v. AMY HARRISON, m. ——— Dodsworth.
vi. EUNICE HARRISON, m. ——— Boss.
vii. ELIZABETH HARRISON, m. ——— Smith.
viii. JOSEPH HARRISON.
ix. JESSE HARRISON.

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EUNICE[6] BENT (*Jesse*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Fort Lawrence, N. S., March 31, 1769; died in Amherst, N. S., June, 1832, æ. 63. She married Samuel Freeman of Amherst, N. S.

Children:

i. EMILY[7] FREEMAN, m. George Mason Black of Dorchester, N. B. Five children: 1. *Silas*,[8] was a carriage manufacturer in Sackville, N. B. 2. *Elizabeth*, m. John Smith of Memrancook, N. B. 3. *Alfred*, living in California. 4. *Eunice*, m. James Dunbar Dixon of Sackville, N. B. 5. *Mary Jane*, m. Amos Ogden, a shipping and lumber merchant, of Sackville, N. B.

ii. JAMES FREEMAN, m. first, Emily Blake, by whom he had: 1. *Samuel E.*[8] 2. *Eunice*. 3. *George B.* He m. second, Miss McCully, by whom he had one child, *Emily*.

iii. ELIZABETH FREEMAN, m. James Page of Amherst, N. S. Seven children: 1. *Eunice*,[8] m. ——— White and went to California. 2. *Jane*, m. first, Mr. Elderkin, and second, Thomas De Wolfe of Dartmouth, N. S. 3. *Edward*. 4. *Silas*, went to the Sandwich Islands to live. 5. *Emily*, m. Jeremiah Church. 6. *Albert*, living in California. 7. *Elizabeth*, living unm.

iv. JACOBINA FREEMAN, m. William White[6] Bent (*q. v.*).

v. GEORGE FREEMAN, d. suddenly when a young man; m. Annie Dow; no children.

vi. SAMUEL FREEMAN, m. Miss Tait. Three daughters[8] and one son, *Samuel*, who m. Mary Amelia, dau. of Jesse[7] Bent (*q. v.*).

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EBENEZER VOSE[6] BENT (*Jesse*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born March 3, 1771, in Fort Lawrence, N. S., where he died June, 1855, æ. 84. He had a large farm near his father's. He married, Oct. 23, 1799, Lucy Miner of Horton (the Grand Pré of Longfellow's Evangeline), N. S. She died æ. 73.

Children, all born in Fort Lawrence, N. S.:

303. i. SARAH,[7] b. 1800; m. Robert Embree.

ii. LUCY ANN, b. 1802; m. Joseph Bowser of Sackville, N. B.; their only child d. in infancy.

304. iii. AMY, b. 1804; m. Joshua Black.

305. iv. ALMIRA, b. 1806; m. John Embree.

306. v. CYNTHIA, b. 1809; m. George Fullerton.

vi. JESSE L., b. 1812; lived in Sackville, N. B.; magistrate for Westmoreland Co., N. B.; d. Sept. 27, 1889; m. Ruth Scurr of Sackville. No children.

vii. HANNAH, b. 1817; d. 1860; m. Isaac Logan, farmer, of Salem, N. S. Three children: 1. *Bessie*,[8] unm. 2. *Annie*, m. James W. Clark of Moncton, N. B. 3. *Son*, d. young.

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JESSE[6] BENT (*Jesse,*[5] *John,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]) was born in Fort Lawrence, N. S., in 1773; took his father's homestead, and died there March 3, 1839, æ. 66. He married Dorothy Freeman, who died June 7, 1842, eldest daughter of Samuel Freeman of Amherst, N. S.

Children, all born in Fort Lawrence, N. S.:

307. i. WILLIAM FREEMAN,[7] b. 1799.
308. ii. SAMUEL, b. 1801.
309. iii. MATILDA, b. 1804; m. John William Smith.
310. iv. ANN, b. 1806; m. James Smith.
311. v. SUSAN, b. 1809; m. first, George Chapman; m. second, Bradley Etter.
312. vi. TORREY, b. 1811.
313. vii. JANE, b. Dec. 4, 1813; m. Andrew Reed Chapman.
314. viii. JESSE, b. 1816.
ix. LEMUEL, b. 1818; d. in Point de Bute, N. B., Feb. 1892; m. in 1847, Mary Dixon of Point de Bute, who d. Jan. 1898. No children; they adopted Jesse[7] Bent's dau. *Mary.*[8]

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HANNAH[6] BENT (*Jesse,*[5] *John,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]) was born in Fort Lawrence, N. S., Nov. 29, 1777; died at River Philip, N. S., April 29, 1869, æ. 91. She married, May 10, 1810, William McAllan of Mt. Whatley, N. S., his second marriage. He died June, 1820. Some of the descendants write the name McCallin.

Children:

i. ELVIRA[7] MCALLAN, b. March 11, 1811; d. May 3, 1859; m. James Ferguson (1809–1870) of Fort Lawrence, N. S. Nine children: 1. *Cynthia,*[8] d. 1846, æ. 13. 2. *William C.* 3. *Annie E.*, living in St. John, N. B.; m. R. R. Page. 4. *Mary J.*, m. E. C. Estabrooks of Sackville, N. B., and later moved to Boston. 5. *Sarah M.*, m. George P. Rodgers of Amherst, N. S. 6. *Effie E.*, d. 1864, æ. 18. 7. *James R.* 8. *Matilda S.*, m. E. L. Patch of Boston. 9. *Lucia M.*, m. W. C. Harper of Amherst, N. S.

ii. JOHN BENT MCALLAN, b. July 11, 1812; living with his dau. in Portsmouth, N. H.; writes his name McCallin; m. Mary Jane Schurman, dau. of John S. Schurman of River Philip, N. S. Nine children: 1. *Elizabeth,*[8] m. Hanson Harrison of Maccan, N. S.; now living in Portsmouth, N. H. 2. *Eunice*, living in Amesbury, Mass.; m. first, Fred Shaw, and second, Frank J. Harvey. 3. *Mary*, m. John Somerby of Portsmouth, N. H. 4. *Clara*, m. Joseph C. Shaw of Portsmouth, N. H. 5. *Sarah*, d. æ. 30. 6. *William.* 7. *Elvira*, m. C. P. Haley. 8. *Kate*, m. C. P. Haley, who afterwards m. her sister. 9. *Maretta*, living in Danvers, Mass.; m. Edward E. Tozer.

iii. CYNTHIA MCALLAN, m. Patrick Baird of River Hebert, N. S. Nine children: 1. *John Dixon.*[8] 2. *William McCallin.* 3. *Mary Elizabeth*, m. Michael Hogan. 4. *Samuel.* 5. *Hannah*, m. Capt. Wingfield Yates Theal. 6. *Thomas*, d. unm. in Texas. 7. *Rufus.* 8. *James.* 9. *Alexander Clark.*

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LEMUEL[6] BENT (*Jesse,*[5] *John,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Fort Lawrence, N. S., October, 1783; lived in East Amherst, N. S., where he died October, 1843, æ. 60. He married Elizabeth Davis of Horton, N. S., or vicinity, who survived her husband several years.

Children, all born in Nova Scotia:

315. i. ALBERT.
316. ii. VOSE.
iii. SAMUEL FREEMAN, d. unm.
iv. SILAS, carpenter; d. unm. in Maine.
v. CHARLES EDWARD.
vi. WILLIAM, d. young.
317. vii. BENJAMIN PAGE.
viii. THOMAS HANLEY, farmer; living unm. in Amherst, N. S.
ix. CHARLOTTE MARILLA, living in East Amherst, N. S.; m. Silas Edward Travis, farmer. Two children: 1. *James Wilber*, living in Montreal. 2. *Edward St. Claire*, living in East Amherst, N. S.

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JOHN[6] BENT (*John,*[5] *John,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Amherst, N. S.; died in Nova Scotia, April 7, 1854. He married, Jan. 5, 1815, Martha McLellan.

Children, all born in Brookdale, N. S.:

318. i. EDWARD,[7] b. Dec. 28, 1815.
ii. MARY, b. May 11, 1817; living in Amherst, N. S.; m. Moses Lowe, who d. in Amherst.
iii. MARTHA ANN (twin), b. Oct. 3, 1819; m. Alfred Black.
319. iv. JOHN (twin), b. Oct. 3, 1819.
v. SAMUEL, b. Dec. 8, 1822; d. in Virginia while a young man; was a daguerreotyper.
320. vi. CHARLES, b. Jan. 10, 1826.
vii. ELEANOR JANE, b. April 10, 1829; living in Amherst, N. S.; m. Nathan Tupper, M.D.
321. viii. WILLIAM WHITE, b. Aug. 24, 1831.

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DANIEL[6] BENT (*John,*[5] *John,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]) was born in Amherst, N. S. He lived in Salem, N. S. He married Sarah Wetherhead.

Children, all born in Nova Scotia:

i. WETHERHEAD,[7] living in Leicester, N. S.; has one dau.[8] who m. Rev. George Glendenning.
ii. BETSEY.
iii. BINA.
iv. LUCY, m. her cousin Rupert[7] Bent.
v. ARETHUSA.

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WILLIAM WHITE[6] BENT (*John*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born Jan. 7, 1800, in Amherst, N. S., where he died April 25, 1866. He represented Cumberland County in the local House for several years. He married, March 17, 1829, Jacobina, born May 16, 1806, died Jan. 26, 1862, daughter of Eunice[6] (Bent) Freeman (*q.v.*).

Children, all born in Amherst, N. S.:

i. AUGUSTA A.,[7] b. May 7, 1830; living in Amherst, N. S.; m. Oct. 22, 1867, Jesse G. Harding of New Castle (Miramichi), N. B., who d. Dec. 30, 1898. Three children: 1. *William Edward*.[8] 2. *Bessie*. 3. *Ernest S.*, a doctor in Montreal.
ii. EUNICE, b. May 31, 1832; living in Amherst, N. S.: m. March 20, 1860, Hon. Thomas R. Black, M.P.P., of Amherst, N. S. Five children: 1. *William*. 2. *Charles*. 3. *Mary*, d. 1881. 4. *Emma*, d. 1877. 5. *Mira*.
iii. RUPERT FREEMAN, b. May 17, 1837; living in Amherst, N. S.; m. Jan. 11, 1871, his cousin Lucy, dau. of Daniel[6] Bent; no children.
322. iv. FREDERIC W., b. Feb. 20, 1840.
v. CHARLES H., b. April 26, 1843; living in Amherst, N. S.; m. April 17, 1867, Martha Lowe. One child, *Mary Louise*, b. Dec. 16, 1870.

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EZRA[6] BENT (*John*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Amherst, N. S. He took his father's homestead, which is now occupied by his daughter Frances. He married Ellen McMonagle.

Children, all born in Amherst, N. S.:

i. MARY,[7] b. 1824.
ii. SARAH, b. 1826.
iii. ELLEN, b. 1828.
323. iv. JOHN HUGH, b. April 12, 1830.
v. RICHARD, b. 1832; went to New Zealand.
vi. FRANCES, b. 1834; living unm. on the old homestead in Amherst, N. S.
vii. ANNIE, b. 1836.

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SHEPHERD[6] BENT (*Ebenezer*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born Nov. 27, 1768, in Milton, Mass., where he died Aug. 27, 1828, æ. 59. He was in Capt. James Robinson's company, of Dorchester, that was called out to suppress Shays' rebellion in January and February, 1787. He married, in 1795, Susannah Glover, born Dec. 30, 1771, died in Dorchester, July 23, 1853, æ. 81, daughter of Thomas Glover of Milton.

Children, all born in Milton:

i. CHARLES,[7] b. Dec. 8, 1796; went to Sandwich Islands and m. a native.

324. ii. SAMUEL GLOVER, b. Jan. 21, 1799.

iii. LEWIS, d. unm. in Milton, Oct. 15, 1836.

iv. EUNICE, b. March 24, 1802; d. in Dorchester, Mass., July 2, 1893, æ. 91; m. Oct. 19, 1823, Edward Hutchinson Robbins Ruggles (1800–1889) of Dorchester; a native of Montague, Mass. Eleven children (see "The Ruggles Family in England and America," by Henry S. Ruggles, 1896).

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WILLIAM[6] BENT (*Ebenezer*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Milton, Mass., April 27, 1772; moved about 1799 to Boston, where he died March 1, 1851, æ. nearly 79. He learned the trade of wood carving, and upon his removal to Boston began, with his brother Adam, the manufacture of pianos, which were among the first to be made in New England. In the summer of 1797, a Frenchman named Mallet, connected with the theatre in Boston, sent the Bent brothers a piano to be repaired, and this led them to begin the manufacture soon after. Their shop was at 26 Orange Street, as a part of Washington Street was then called, and number 26 was near the present bridge over the Boston & Albany Railroad. In 1802, 1803 and 1804, the younger brother, Adam, went to the West Indies selling their goods. The early directories, beginning with 1800, call them "instrument makers and carvers"; it is not until 1807 that the entry "William Bent, pianoforte maker" appears. Soon after, about 1809, William Bent moved to Philadelphia, where the first piano manufactured in America was probably made by John Behrend in 1775.* In Philadelphia he worked for other piano makers some twenty years, after which he returned to Boston.

William Bent married Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel and Mehitable Phillips of Boston, where she died Dec. 11, 1853, æ. 71; buried in the Granary Burial Ground. No children.

* It was in Philadelphia that the first upright piano was produced by Hawkins, in 1800. See "Spirit of '76," September, 1895.

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SARAH[6] BENT (*Ebenezer*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Milton, Mass., April 7, 1774; died in Charlestown, Mass., July 18, 1860, æ. 86. She married, Sept. 13, 1794, James Blake, Jr., carpenter, of Boston, born May 12, 1770, d. Aug. 16, 1823.

Children:

i. CHARLES L. BLAKE,[7] b. Oct. 23, 1796; d. in Dedham, Mass., 1882.
ii. ROBERT A. BLAKE, b. March 4, 1801; d. unm. in Boston, Dec. 1, 1882.
iii. SARAH BLAKE, b. Aug. 29, 1803; m. Samuel Barrett and moved to New Orleans, La.
iv. ELIZABETH BLAKE, b. April 12, 1805; m. first, 1831, Charles C. Hoyt, and second, 1847, Peletiah Harmon.
v. JAMES BLAKE, b. 1807; d. in Jacmel, Hayti, in 1830.
vi. WILLIAM BLAKE, b. 1810; d. in Boston in 1838.
vii. CAROLINE BLAKE, b. 1815; d. April 5, 1839; m. Aug. 13, 1833, William L. Luke.
viii. EDWARD BLAKE, b. May 16, 1816; d. in Dorchester in 1892; m. Feb. 22, 1841, Eliza Ann Boss.
ix. ADELINE BLAKE, m. ——— Schultze.

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ADAM[6] BENT (*Ebenezer*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Milton, Mass., March 17, 1776; died in South Boston, Mass., March 22, 1857, æ. 81. He moved to Boston about 1799, and in 1807 located near City Point, South Boston, then but sparsely settled,* though the Blakes had dwelt at Dorchester Point, as it was called, for a century and a quarter. The house that he built about 1810 is still standing. Less than a mile away, on the heights of South Boston (until 1804 a part of Dorchester), were thrown up the earth-works that caused the British to evacuate Boston on his natal day. In 1825, 1826 and 1827, he was in the common council; in 1831, alderman; and in 1829, 1830 and 1831, representative to the Legislature; was an original member of the Hawes Congregational (Unitarian) Church; chosen deacon in 1829. The historian of South Boston calls him a man of pleasant manner, good judgment and original thought. (See William[6] Bent preceding for an account of his connection with the piano business.)

He married, May 20, 1808, Sukey Foster Blake, born Jan. 12, 1784, died March 23, 1859, daughter of James and Lydia (Dana) Blake of Dorchester Neck, as South Boston was then called.

* Mr. Francis E. Blake says, that "at the date of annexation to Boston, 1804, there were only twelve families living there."

Children, all born in South Boston:

325. i. ALBERT ADAM,[7] b. June 5, 1809.
326. ii. GEORGE ELBRIDGE, b. July 28, 1811.
iii. SUSAN FOSTER, b. June 19, 1813; living unm.; spends the summers in South Boston and the winters in Pennsylvania.
iv. CLARISSA, b. 1815; d. 1821.
v. CHARLES PYNSON, b. Sept. 1, 1817; builder; lived for 22 years in Wilmington, Del., where he d. March 20, 1876; buried at Forest Hills, Boston, Mass. Previously had lived in California a few years; m. Sarah Elizabeth Drayton, dau. of Henry H. and Sylvia. She is living in Dorchester, Boston. No children.
vi. JAMES B., b. 1820; d. 1824.
vii. CLARISSA, b. 1823; d. 1833.
327. viii. HENRY BLAKE, b. Feb. 1, 1826.

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EBENEZER[6] BENT (*Ebenezer*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), was born in Milton, Mass., March 24, 1788; died April 17, 1848, in the adjoining town of Quincy, where he made his home after marriage. Represented his district in the Legislature in 1840. He married, in 1808, Nancy Stedman of Weston, Mass., born Oct. 15, 1789, died in Quincy, July 16, 1878, æ. 88, daughter of Ebenezer and Eunice (Morse) Stedman.

Children, all born in Quincy:

328. i. NATHANIEL BOWMAN,[7] b. April 15, 1809.
ii. RUTH CROUCH, b. Feb. 13, 1812; d. July 2, 1825.
iii. EMILY ANN, b. Feb. 14, 1814; d. in Watertown, Mass., Aug. 31, 1882; m. Jan. 4, 1846, Wyman Abercrombie of Quincy, b. in Pelham, Mass., June 24, 1816, d. in Quincy, Oct. 7, 1873. One child, *Wyman Ebenezer*, b. in Quincy, Dec. 29, 1847; m. Nov. 8, 1876, Lucy A. Coffin and lives in Steelton, Pa.
iv. ELIZABETH PHILLIPS, b. Aug. 28, 1816; living in Brookline, Mass.; m. Nov. 17, 1838, Daniel Munroe, b. July 30, 1811, d. Dec. 17, 1893. Five children: 1. *Emily Ann Bent*,[8] b. July 19, 1840; d. Feb. 8, 1871. 2. *Mary Ellen*, b. 1842; d. 1843. 3. *Elizabeth Ellen*, b. Sept. 21, 1844; living in Brookline. 4. *Daniel Stedman*, b. 1857; d. 1858. 5. *Ruth*, b. and d. 1859.
v. MARY MARSH, b. Feb. 22, 1819; living with her dau. in Steelton, Pa.; m. May 9, 1847, Richard S. S. Hayden, b. in Braintree, July 24, 1814, d. in Stoughton, June, 1853. Two children: 1. *Madeline Ophelia*, b. April 7, 1848; m. June 29, 1880, Franklin Poole. 2. *Winslow Brigham Bent*, b. Aug. 15, 1851; m. June 12, 1879, Mary Sullivan.
329. vi. EBENEZER, b. Dec. 18, 1820.
vii. ELIZA, b. 1823; d. 1825.

330. viii. WINSLOW BRIGHAM, b. Nov. 15, 1825.
331. ix. LUTHER STEDMAN, b. Dec. 6, 1829.
x. HANNAH AUGUSTA HAYWARD, b. May 6, 1836; d. unm. in Quincy, Feb. 28, 1861.

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CHARLES[6] BENT (*Ebenezer*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Milton, Mass., Jan. 18, 1790; died in Lowell, Mass., Dec. 5, 1852. About 1823, he moved to what is now the city of Lowell, then a part of Chelmsford, Mass., and shortly after began, with Francis Bush (who married, in 1828, his wife's sister, Jane Bond), the manufacture of hats; about 1849 they opened a store at the corner of Washington and Court Streets, Boston, though the senior member of the firm, which was styled Bent & Bush, never moved to Boston; the firm name is still retained, and is familiar to all Bostonians. He represented Chelmsford in the Massachusetts Legislature in 1832, 1833 and 1834, and his partner represented Lowell in 1851.

He married, Sept. 16, 1820, Sarah Bond of Watertown, born Sept. 3, 1798, died in Chelmsford, May 18, 1838, daughter of Daniel Bond (1767–1842).

Children, i. and ii. born in Watertown, iii. born in Chelmsford:

i. CHARLES,[7] b. Sept. 26, 1821; living unm. in Lowell, where he has been for many years in the grocery business.
ii. MARY STEARNS, b. June 14, 1823; d. in Lowell, July 1, 1889; m. July 20, 1853, Joseph Warren Smith.
iii. SARAH JANE, b. July 16, 1830; living unm. in Middlesex Village, Lowell.

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SAMUEL[6] BENT (*Samuel*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Granville, N. S., June 6, 1765; moved to Wilmot, N. S. He married first, Mollie, born in Granville, N. S., 1770, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Dodge) Leonard. He married second, ——— Brown.

Children by first marriage, born in Wilmot, N. S.:

332. i. LAWRENCE,[7] b. Sept. 15, 1798.
ii. MARTIN.
iii. RACHEL, m. 1814, Abraham Bogart.

Children by second marriage:

i. ALICE, m. 1835, Cornelius Bogart.
ii. NEDABIAH.
iii. EDWARD.

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NEDABIAH[6] BENT (*Samuel,*[5] *Ebenezer,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]) was born in Granville, N. S., in 1767. He located after marriage in the adjoining township of Wilmot, where he presumably died. He married, 1788, Elizabeth Twesdell.

Children, all born in Wilmot, N. S.:

i. EXPERIENCE,[7] b. 1789; m. Thomas Messenger.
333. ii. SAMUEL, b. 1791.
iii. ABIGAIL, b. 1793; m. David Messenger.
iv. ALPHEUS, b. 1795; d. unm.
v. MARY, b. 1797; d. 1797.
vi. PHEBE, b. 1798; m. Joseph Brown.
334. vii. JESSE, b. 1801.
335. viii. EZEKIEL, b. 1803.
ix. JOHN, b. 1805; d. unm.
x. ELLEN, b. 1807; m. Christopher Bolsor.
xi. RACHEL, d. unm.

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SETH[6] BENT (*Samuel,*[5] *Ebenezer,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]) was born in Granville, N. S., 1769. He married first, Lucy Hackleton. He married second, Elizabeth O'Brien.

Children of Seth and Lucy:

336. i. JOHN.[7]
ii. LUCY, d. unm.
iii. SARAH, m. 1821, David Young.
iv. MARGARET, m. David Milbury.

Children of Seth and Elizabeth:

337. i. GRANDISON.
ii. MOSES, d. unm.
iii. EDWARD, d. unm.
iv. MARY ANN, d. unm.

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JESSE[6] BENT (*Samuel,*[5] *Ebenezer,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]) was born in Granville, N. S., 1771. He married, 1801, Sarah Hackleton.

Children of Jesse and Sarah:

i. WILLIAM,[7] b. 1802; m. Ruth North; no children.
ii. ELIZA, b. 1804; d. unm.
iii. LUVOSE, b. 1806; m. Elvira Wade; no children.
iv. SETH, b. 1810; m. Eliza Farin.
338. v. GEORGE, b. 1813.
339. vi. AMBROSE, b. 1817.
340. vii. EDMUND, b. 1822.

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JOHN[6] BENT (*Samuel*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Granville, N. S., 1774. He married, 1809, Mary, born 1781, daughter of John and Maria (Dunn) Harris of Annapolis County, N. S.

Children:

i. MARY,[7] b. 1811; m. Henry Gesner.
ii. SARAH, b. 1813; m. Robert Parker; no children.
341. iii. JOHN HARRIS, b. 1815.
342. iv. WILLIAM HENRY, b. 1817.
v. EUPHEMIA, b. 1820; m. William Henry Young.

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EBENEZER[6] BENT (*Samuel*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Granville, N. S., in 1783. He married, 1809, Loretta Dench, born 1781, died 1858.

Children of Ebenezer and Loretta:

343. i. ROBERT,[7] b. 1810.
344. ii. HENRY, b. 1812.
iii. DEBORAH, b. 1814; m. Jesse Dodge.
iv. EUNICE, b. 1816; m. Ezekiel Burns.
345. v. EZRA, b. 1819.
vi. HANNAH, b. 1823; still living; m. Joseph Troop.
346. vii. ABRAHAM, b. 1824; m. Mary Young.
viii. MARY, b. 1827; m. Stephen Milbury.
347. ix. JACOB FRITZ, b. 1827.

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ELIAS[6] BENT (*Samuel*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Granville, N. S., in 1785. He married first, 1811, Mary Ann Van Blascom. He married second, Susan Anthony.

Children of Elias and Mary:

i. ANNE,[7] b. 1812.
348. ii. JOSEPH, b. 1816.
iii. MARIA, b. 1819.
iv. ELIZABETH, b. 1821.
v. GEORGINA, b. 1823.
vi. JOHN, b. 1826; d. unm.
vii. EBENEZER, b. 1828; m. Elizabeth Morrison.
viii. RUTH, b. 1832.
ix. GEORGE THOMAS, b. 1835; m. Horatia Gesner.

Children of Elias and Susan:

i. WILLIAM.
ii. ALFRED, m. Laura Sulis.

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CHARLES[6] BENT (*Samuel*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Granville, N. S., 1787. He married, 1814, Elizabeth, born in Granville, N. S., 1780, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Starratt) Wade, and granddaughter of Capt. John Wade.

Children of Charles and Elizabeth:

i. LUCY,[7] b. 1814; m. John Hutchinson.
ii. STEPHEN, b. 1815; m. Cynthia Wade. Has *Jessie*,[8] who m. John Healy.
iii. HELEN, still living; m. Robert Hoseason.
iv. ANN, b. 1818; m. John Roney.
v. RACHEL MARIA, m. Edward Schafner.
349. vi. SAMUEL, b. 1822.
350. vii. BENJAMIN, b. 1824.
351. viii. DANIEL, b. 1826.
ix. PRUDENCE, b. 1829; still living; m. George Covert.
x. HANNAH, b. 1832; m. Edwin Wade.
xi. MARY.

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NEDABIAH[6] BENT (*Nedabiah*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), butcher, was born about 1771 in what is now Quincy, Mass., where he died Jan. 4, 1852, æ. 80. He married, May 2, 1802, Lois Vinton, born July 28, 1778, died in Quincy, Dec. 28, 1866, æ. 88, daughter of John and Sarah Vinton of Braintree.

Children, all born in Quincy:

i. ELISHA,[7] b. 1804; d. 1813.
ii. JOANNA, b. Sept. 20, 1805; d. æ. 74; m. Sept. 17, 1828, Josiah Baxter of Quincy. One child, *Mrs. Benjamin F. Curtis*,[8] living in Quincy.
iii. SARAH ASHTON, b. Dec. 27, 1810; living unm. in Quincy.
iv. HARRIET, b. and d. 1815.
v. JOHN, b. and d. 1817.
vi. ELISHA, b. and d. 1820.

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LEMUEL[6] BENT (*Nedabiah*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born about 1773 in what is now Quincy, Mass., where he died about 1847, æ. 74. He married, Oct. 30, 1796, Mary Pratt of Weymouth, Mass., who died in Quincy, Aug. 25, 1857, æ. 79.

Children, all born in Quincy:

i. NANCY,[7] b. July 12, 1797; d. Nov. 17, 1817.
ii. MARY, b. Oct. 28, 1799; m. Job Thayer, Jr.
iii. ELIZA, b. Oct. 22, 1800; m. April 19, 1819, Asa Colburn.
352. iv. GEORGE, b. April 21, 1803.

353. v. ISAAC, b. June 3, 1805.
vi. FANNY, b. Oct. 8, 1806; m. May 18, 1834, Lewis Thayer.
vii. HARRIET, b. July 5, 1809; m. Nathaniel Newcomb.
354. viii. SAMUEL, b. June 30, 1812.
ix. JAMES, b. Sept. 27, 1815.

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ISAAC[6] BENT (*Nedabiah,*[5] *Ebenezer,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in what is now Quincy, Mass., about 1777; died in Vienna, Me., Feb. 7, 1859, æ. 82; lived after marriage in New Sharon, Me., except the last eight years of his life which were spent with his son in Vienna, Me. He married, April 6, 1800, Mrs. Sarah (Newcomb) Brown of Quincy, a native of Wellfleet, Mass. She died Oct. 30, 1854.

Children, all born in New Sharon, Me.:

355. i. SAMUEL BROWN,[7] b. July 24, 1801.
ii. JOANNA BAXTER, b. March 2, 1804; d. in Mt. Vernon, Me., July 25, 1858; m. John Marden of Vienna, Me.
356. iii. HIRAM, b. August 26, 1806.

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WILLIAM[6] BENT (*Nedabiah,*[5] *Ebenezer,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born about 1791 in what is now Quincy, Mass., where he died March 18, 1853, æ. 62. He married, Jan. 30, 1823, Nancy Tirrell of Quincy, who died there Nov. 25, 1866, æ. 73.

Children, all born in Quincy:

i. ABIGAIL ANN[7], b. May 2, 1826; m. Sept. 19, 1854, Thomas Kelley.
ii. LUCY FRACKER, b. 1828; d. 1831.
iii. LUCY MARIA, b. March 6, 1833; d. unm. July 25, 1889.
iv. MARION CLARK, b. Jan. 17, 1835; m. Jan. 1874, Thomas Williams of Milton, Mass.; no children.
v. WILLIAM QUINCY, b. May 24, 1838; living unm. in Quincy, Mass.

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JOSIAH[6] BENT (*John,*[5] *Ebenezer,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]), cracker baker, was born April 26, 1771, in Milton, Mass., where he died April 26, 1836, æ. 65. He was representative to the Legislature in 1833. In 1801, he began with one oven in his house the manufacture of Bent's water crackers, which have done more, probably, than anything else to make the name of Bent known, for the crackers have been sent to all parts of our country and to foreign shores. He continued the manufacture until 1830, when he sold the business to his son-in-law, Deacon Samuel Adams, and his son

Samuel T. Bent. From 1837 to 1871, Deacon Adams was sole proprietor; in the latter year, he leased the business to Samuel T. Bent, Horatio Webster, John A. Shaw, George A. Fletcher and William H. Balcom. At the expiration of the lease, five years later, he again leased it for a similar term; but, during the interval, viz. in 1879, he died, devising the property to George A. Webster and Granville J. Young. In 1890, the business was sold to the New York Biscuit Co., who still continue the manufacture in Milton under the name of Bent & Co., though they have moved from the old location to a new building nearer the railroad station. In June, 1892, George H. Bent, son of Samuel T., after many years service with Bent & Co., began the manufacture of the G. H. Bent & Co. water cracker.

Josiah married, March 28, 1794, Susanna, born 1776, died Oct. 16, 1857, daughter of Samuel Tucker, Jr., of Milton.

Children, all born in Milton:

i. MARY ANN,[7] b. July 31, 1795; d. 1885, æ. 90; m. May 10, 1815, Deacon Samuel Adams, Jr., b. in Ipswich, Mass., March 11, 1791, d. in Milton, Jan. 3, 1879, a descendant of Henry Adams of Braintree, 1632, the ancestor of the Presidents Adams.

357. ii. JOSIAH, b. Oct. 1, 1797.

iii. CATHERINE A., b. Nov. 24, 1799; d. in Fairhaven, Mass., about 1886; m. Feb. 7, 1833, Charles Drew, lawyer. Two children: 1. *Charles.*[8] 2. *Samuel.*

iv. SUSAN T., b. Oct. 24, 1801; d. unm. in Milton, May 7, 1878.

358. v. SAMUEL TUCKER, b. Feb. 22, 1804.

359. vi. HORATIO NELSON, b. July, 1807.

360. vii. NATHANIEL TUCKER, b. July 30, 1810.

viii. ABBIE VOSE, d. in Brookline, Mass., in 1897; m. Benjamin Barstow Torrey, Treasurer of the New-England Historic Genealogical Society, and of the O. C. R. R. and B. & P. R. R.

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JOHN[6] BENT (*John*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), carpenter, was born in Milton, Mass., Nov. 13, 1778; moved soon after marriage to Dedham, Mass., where he died January, 1873, æ. 94; a solidly-built, powerful man. He was married, in Boston, Jan. 2, 1814, by Rev. Charles Lowell (father of James Russell Lowell) to Hannah Jordan, born in Needham, Mass., March 21, 1790, died in Dedham, September, 1863.

Children, i. born in Milton, the others in Dedham:

i. SAMUEL GUILD,[7] b. March 13, 1815; living unm. in Dedham; carpenter; fine bass singer; sang in the Episcopal church for over fifty years.

361. ii. EDWARD DEXTER (twin), b. Feb. 7, 1817.

362. iii. JOHN QUINCY (twin), b. Feb. 7, 1817.

iv. HANNAH ELIZABETH, b. 1819; d. 1820.
v. STILLMAN, b. 1821; d. 1823.
363. vi. ELIJAH, b. May 27, 1823.
vii. ELIZABETH HANNAH, b. May 4, 1825; d. in Boston, Nov. 23, 1882; a fine singer; m. May 12, 1853, George W. Parmenter, a well known druggist, at the corner of Hanover and Parmenter Streets, Boston, and brother of Judge William E. Parmenter. One child, *Elizabeth F. Parmenter*,[8] living unm. in Cambridge, Mass.
viii. JOSEPH, b. May 21, 1829; drowned in Fox Lake, Wis., while pleasure sailing, Oct. 1876, æ. 47; was employed in the Fox Lake bank, and like his brothers was a good singer; m. Oct. 28, 1867, Mrs. Lucretia Spring; no children.

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NATHANIEL[6] BENT (*John*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), cracker baker, was born in Milton, Mass., about 1783; died in Milton, April 24, 1837, æ. 54. He married first, Aug. 15, 1813, Lucy Ann Adams, who died July 29, 1820, æ. 24. He married second, Sept. 4, 1822, Rebecca Ruggles Baker of Milton, who died in Boston, Nov. 2, 1886, æ. 85. No children by second marriage.

Children by first marriage, born in Milton:

364. i. SALLY ANN,[7] b. May 31, 1814; m. Thomas Hews Hinckley.
ii. NATHANIEL, b. Oct. 1817; baker in Milton; d. unm. July 14, 1848, æ. 30.
iii. MINOT ADAMS, b. July, 1819; d. in Milton, unm., Oct. 25, 1848, æ. 29.

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NEWELL[7] BENT (*Thomas*[6], *Jason*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Sudbury, Mass., Nov. 15, 1807; died in Sudbury, Dec. 10, 1859. He married, Jan. 5, 1837, Sarah C., born May 1805, died September 1865, daughter of Luther and Sally Goodnow of Sudbury.

Children, all born in Sudbury:

365. i. WILLIAM HENRY,[8] b. Aug. 10, 1838.
ii. MARY JANE, b. April 13, 1841; living in Sudbury; m. April 13, 1862, George Moore.

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WILLIAM GLOVER[7] BENT (*Thomas*,[6] *Jason*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), machinist, was born in Sudbury, Nov. 21,

1810; died in Orono, Penobscot County, Me., Sept. 10, 1855. He married, June 23, 1839, Melinda, born in Orono, Aug. 25, 1808, died in Orono, April 9, 1881, daughter of James Lunt. No children. Mrs. Bent adopted a daughter, who married George W. Foster of Bangor, Me.

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THOMAS ELBRIDGE[7] BENT (*Thomas*,[6] *Jason*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born June 18, 1812, in Sudbury, Mass., where he is still living. He married first, Jan. 28, 1845, Matilda Louisa Phelps, who died in Sudbury, July 7, 1872. He married second, May 21, 1876, Rachel Huse Atwood. No children by second marriage.

One child by first marriage, born in Sudbury:

i. ELIZA MATILDA,[8] b. Dec. 23, 1851; d. unm. in Sudbury, May 1, 1876, æ. 24.

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JONATHAN PATCH[7] BENT (*Thomas*,[6] *Jason*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Sudbury, Mass., Feb. 26, 1817; lived in the part of Stow taken in 1871, with a part of Sudbury, to form the town of Maynard, where he died Jan. 9, 1892, æ. nearly 75. He married, April 29, 1845, Clarissa A. Smith, born in Sudbury, Feb. 6, 1829, died in Maynard, Oct. 14, 1887, æ. 58, daughter of Elisha and Clarissa (Parks) Smith.

Children, all born in part of Stow now Maynard:

i. FREDERICK,[8] b. 1849; d. 1849.

ii. HELEN MARIA, b. March 22, 1851; living in Maynard, Mass.; m. April 24, 1889, Herbert Curtis of New York City, where he died Dec. 15, 1891.

iii. JENNIE BLANCHE, b. July 28, 1853; d. Jan. 22, 1863.

iv. EMMA, b. July 27, 1855; m. June 8, 1881, William Andrews of Lowell, Mass.

v. SARAH W., b. May 22, 1859.

vi. JOHN, b. Aug. 24, 1861; m. July 26, 1893, Isabelle S. Redington of Littleton, N. H., dau. of Henry C. Redington. One child, *Henry Redington Bent*,[9] b. in Littleton, N. H., March 26, 1896.

vii. JAMES READ, b. April 19, 1864; living in Maynard, Mass., where he is in the ice business; m. Aug. 1, 1888, Mary Elizabeth Whitney, b. May 31, 1867, dau. of Artemas and Lucy (Pease) Whitney of Maynard. Two children, b. in Maynard: 1. *Pauline Bent*,[9] b. Dec. 24, 1892. 2. *Whitney Jonathan Bent*, b. Oct. 12, 1895.

viii. KATE, b. 1867; d. 1867.

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RUFUS HURLBURT[7] BENT (*Thomas*,[6] *Jason*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Sudbury, Mass., May 3, 1820; died in Brighton (since 1874 a part of Boston), Mass., Jan. 12, 1861, æ. 40; named after Rev. Rufus Hurlburt, pastor of the Orthodox Church in Sudbury at the time of his birth. From 1852 to 1856, he was in the provision business in Faneuil Hall Market, Boston, the firm being first Blood & Bent, then R. H. Bent, and finally Bent & Pierce. About 1856, he went West for his health, and after remaining two years in Janesville, Wis., returned to Massachusetts and established himself in the beef business in Brighton. He married first, April 24, 1845, Eliza W. Coburn of Weston, Mass., who died in Brighton, Aug. 15, 1849, æ. 24. He married second, May 29, 1850, Mary Noyes Rice, born March 6, 1818, died May 24, 1866, daughter of Deacon Edmund and Abigail (Maynard) Rice of Brighton, and a descendant in the eighth generation from Deacon Edmund Rice (1594–1663), one of the original settlers of Sudbury.

Children of Rufus H. and Eliza W.:

i. ALBERT RUFUS,[8] b. 1846; d. 1847.
ii. ALBERT RUFUS, b. 1848; d. 1852.
iii. WILLIAM, also d. in infancy.

Children of Rufus H. and Mary N., all born in Brighton except iv., who was born in Janesville, Wis.:

366. i. JOHN HASTINGS, b. May 25, 1851.
ii. MARY ELIZA, b. March 14, 1853; m. at Winchendon, Mass., Oct. 25, 1876, Rev. Horace Sanderson (b. in Phillipston, Mass., Oct. 30, 1854) of the American Baptist Home Missionary Society; since 1890 their home has been in Denver, Col. Two children: 1. *Maude Mason*, b. in Winchendon, Mass., Feb. 22, 1879; d. in Denver, Col., Sept. 4, 1894. 2. *Harold Hastings*, b. in Phillipston, Mass., June 24, 1881.
iii. MARTHA HURLBURT, b. Sept. 11, 1855; d. Aug 1, 1864.
iv. AUSTIN RICE, b. 1857; d. 1859.
v. EMMA CUTTING, b. Dec. 19, 1859; d. unm. in North Brookfield, Mass., Aug. 30, 1889, æ. 29. Left early an orphan, she was adopted by Marshall E. and Caroline A. Gray of Framingham, Mass., and added the name of Gray to her own; graduated from Smith College in 1881 with the degree of A.B.

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JOHN PATCH[7] BENT (*Sewell*,[6] *Jason*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Stow, Mass., April 22, 1807; died in Bangor, Me., Jan. 10, 1880, æ. 72. He was in the grocery business several years in Boston (the firm name was changed several times), and afterwards a large dealer in flour and grain in Bangor,

Me. He married first, Dec. 2, 1835, Lurenia Fairbanks, born Aug. 18, 1812, died Oct. 7, 1860, æ. 48. He married second, April 23, 1867, Mrs. Sarah H. (Stickney) Pearson, born Dec. 6, 1826; living in Bangor, Me. No children by the second wife.

Children of John P. and Lurenia:

i. JOHN PATCH,[8] b. Jan. 25, 1837; d. in Galveston, Texas, Sept. 28, 1858.
ii. WILLIAM WINSLOW, b. July 8, 1838; d. Feb. 10, 1843.
iii. ANNA LURENIA, b. Jan. 6, 1840; d. Feb. 12, 1855.
iv. FRANCES WHITE, b. Aug. 2, 1841; living in Bangor, Me.; m. Aug. 31, 1865, George Webster.
v. ELIZABETH ADELAIDE, b. Nov. 27, 1843; living in Stillwater, Minn.; m. May 16, 1866, Seward Porter Richardson. One child, *Harry Bent Richardson*,[9] b. Oct. 6, 1870; m. Oct. 15, 1891, Jessie Fenwick Gorrie.
vi. WILLIAM WINSLOW, b. 1846; d. 1849.
vii. FRANK SEWELL, b. 1848; d. 1849.

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THOMAS HASTINGS[7] BENT (*Sewell*,[6] *Jason*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born Sept. 16, 1815, in Stow, Mass., where he still lives. He married, in April, 1846, Harriet Gates, who died in May, 1886.

Children, born in Stow:

i. EMMA A.,[8] m. J. T. Warren of Littleton, Mass.
ii. SARAH E., living unm. in Stow; at the 200th anniversary celebration in 1883 she contributed an original poem.

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DANIEL FAIRBANKS[7] BENT (*Jason*,[6] *Jason*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Sudbury, Mass., Oct. 19, 1815; died in Sudbury, Sept. 4, 1859, æ. 44. He married, Nov. 18, 1841, Sarah W., born Sept. 1, 1809, died July 23, 1860, daughter of Joseph W., and Mary L. Norcross of Boston.

Children, all born in Sudbury:

i. ANGELINE M.,[8] b. June 15, 1843; d. Oct. 5, 1849.
367. ii. FRANCIS FAIRBANKS, b. July 17, 1845.
368. iii. JAMES EDWARD, b. 1848.

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ASAHEL WHEELER[7] BENT (*Jason*,[6] *Jason*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Sudbury, Mass., Jan. 13, 1818; died in Waltham, Mass., Sept. 4, 1872, æ. 54. He married, November, 1840, Hephzibah Sanderson of Waltham, who married again Oct. 7, 1879, Gad Wright of Waltham.

Children, i. born in Waltham, ii. born in Sudbury:

i. EDWIN W.,[8] b. April 10, 1842; d. May 14, 1842.
ii. ANNA SANDERSON, b. Jan. 15, 1845; d. Feb. 27, 1862.

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LEVI BROOKS[7] BENT (*William H.*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Fitzwilliam, N. H., Sept. 12, 1817; died in Lynn, Mass., Aug. 21, 1884, æ. 67. About 1847 or 1848, he moved from his native town, where he had been associated since 1841 with Elisha Chaplin in the manufacture of shingles, clothes pins, etc., to Lynn, Mass., where he re-embarked in the wooden ware business. In 1855, he was a member of the Common Council, and in 1857 on the board of Aldermen. He married first, in 1847, Sarah Lawrence, born in Troy, N. H., 1826, died in Troy, N. H., 1849. He married second, Dec. 15, 1852, Sarah P. Babb, born in Saugus, Mass., June 29, 1828, living in Lynn, daughter of William Babb of Lynn.

Child by first marriage, born in Troy, N. H.:

i. ABBIE ALMIRA,[8] b. Feb. 3, 1848; living in Townsend, Mass.; m. May 2, 1868, John D. Finegan of Lynn. One child living, *Herbert F.*[9]

Children by second marriage, born in Lynn:

i. HATTIE MARIA, b. Aug. 8, 1856; was a school teacher in Lynn, where she d. unm. Feb. 17, 1895.

ii. FRED BROOKS, b. Nov. 26, 1860; living in Lynn; m. Nov. 26, 1889, Susan L. Barker of Lynn; no children.

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WILLIAM[7] BENT (*William H.*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Fitzwilliam, N. H., Jan. 18, 1828; died in Fitzwilliam, Sept. 26, 1898, æ. 70. He took his father's farm; was selectman in 1858, 1859 and 1860. He married first, Lucy A. Priest, who died Dec. 6, 1856, æ. 28, daughter of Jacob and Martha (Clark) Priest of Fitzwilliam, N. H., formerly of Gardner, Mass. No children. He married second, Jan. 18, 1859, Caroline Howard Pierce, born May 22, 1840, daughter of Leonard and Caroline (Goodspeed) Pierce.

Children of William and Caroline, all born in Fitzwilliam:

i. IRVING PIERCE,[8] b. Nov. 26, 1862; d. Dec. 11, 1876.

ii. GEORGE SOUTHER, b. Jan. 9, 1871; d. Dec. 6, 1893.

iii. FLORENCE LYLE, b. Nov. 1, 1880.

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SAMUEL[7] BENT (*Hyman*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Fitzwilliam, N. H., Dec. 23, 1817, and died in Gardner, Mass., Aug. 10, 1883, æ. 65. After a few years spent in Winchendon (Mass.), which adjoins his native town, he moved, about 1849, to Gardner, Mass., where for ten years he

worked in the chair factories. In January, 1859, he formed a partnership with his brother, A. Allen, and they manufactured chairs for two years and a half, when Samuel went to Newburg, now a part of Cleveland, Ohio. Returning to Gardner in 1864, he worked for Heywood Bros. & Co. for a few years. In 1867, he formed a partnership with his youngest brother, R. L. Bent, for the manufacture of dining chairs. In October, 1868, they bought out their brother Allen's business, and the other brother, Charles, was added to the firm. The firm of S. Bent & Bros., of which Samuel was at the head until his death, still continues at the South village, where it has been successful in a town noted for this industry, some $2,000,000 worth of chairs being made in the place annually at present. He was one of the selectmen of Gardner for several years, and a man of sterling integrity, devoted to his family, and faithful in whatever post of service he was called to fill. He married, Sept. 28, 1847, Mary Louisa Emery, born Sept. 15, 1824, died Sept. 18, 1895, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Bailey) Emery of East Jaffrey, N. H., and a descendant of Anthony Emery who came from Romsey, in Hampshire, Eng., in 1635, and eventually, 1648, located in Kittery, Me.

Children of Samuel and Louisa, all born in Gardner:

i. ELIZABETH ESTELLE,[8] b. Nov. 23, 1858; living in (South) Gardner, Mass.; m. first, Nov. 15, 1883, Franklin Eaton of Gardner, a retired chair manufacturer, who d. March 1, 1891; m. second, June 2, 1896, Arthur John Stone, silversmith, b. in Sheffield, Eng., Sept. 26, 1847, came to America (Concord, N. H.) in 1884, removed to Gardner in 1887, seventh and youngest child of Joseph and Ann (Mills) Stone.

369. ii. CHARLES LESLIE, b. Oct. 23, 1860.

iii. ADELAIDE, b. Jan. 3, 1868; an accomplished violinist; living unm. in Gardner, Mass.

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ELIZA[7] BENT (*Hyman*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Fitzwilliam, N. H., Oct. 25, 1819; died in Gardner, Mass., March 21, 1893, æ. 73. She married, Nov. 3, 1840, John Sawin of Gardner, who has made chairs and told funny stories for over sixty years. He was born in Westminster, Mass., Oct. 9, 1815, the son of Sullivan and Mary (Heywood) Sawin,* and is living in Gardner, his home since about 1830. About 1836, he and his brother Sullivan Sawin, Jr., began making chairs and school furniture on the site now occupied by S. Bent & Bros.' factory, where previously John Merriam, who built the original shop and dam in 1822, had carried on a fulling establishment. John soon bought out his brother's interest and continued alone until

* A descendant of Robert Sawin, who settled early in Watertown, Mass.

he disposed of the chair business to his brother-in-law, A. A. Bent, in 1856. After this, he still continued to make school furniture, but in recent years has been in the employ of others.

Mr. and Mrs. Sawin celebrated their golden wedding in 1890, surrounded by a large and happy family circle. Mrs. Sawin was the first of the Bent family to locate in Gardner, where all of her brothers and most of her sisters have lived at one time or another. She and her sisters were instrumental in the formation of the Unitarian church in 1884.

Children, all born in Gardner, Mass.:

i. MARY LEVINA[8] SAWIN, b. Oct. 17, 1845; d. unm. in Gardner, Mass., May 11, 1868.

ii. HAMILTON HEYWOOD SAWIN, b. July 12, 1851; living in Gardner, Mass.; has had charge of one of the rooms in S. Bent & Bros.' chair factory for many years; m. Dec. 10, 1873, E. Janette Brown, dau. of Moses and Eliza (Bixby) Brown of Hubbardston, Mass.

iii. IDA MARIA SAWIN, b. April 8, 1855; d. unm. July 19, 1876.

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LURENE[7] BENT (*Hyman*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Fitzwilliam, N. H., Oct. 2, 1821; died in Camden, N. J., July 12, 1891, æ. 69; buried in her native town. She married, Aug. 15, 1841, Matthias Britt Felton of Fitzwilliam, born Oct. 18, 1819, died March 2, 1892, son of Lyman and Sally (Scott) Felton, and a descendant of Nathaniel Felton who settled in Salem, Mass., in 1633. Matthias and Lurene lived in Winchendon and Northfield, Mass., and Vineland and Camden, N. J. In the latter city, whither they removed in the fall of 1868, Mrs. Felton was prominent in organizing the first Unitarian church.

Children, i. to iv. born in Winchendon, Mass., v. born in Northfield, Mass.:

i. CLARENCE M.[8] FELTON, b. July 9, 1842; d. Dec. 26, 1842.

ii. GEORGE GODFREY FELTON, b. May 21, 1845; is a prominent Mason and Knight Templar in Camden, N. J., and deputy quarter-master general of the State militia with the rank of lieut.-colonel; m. June 6, 1871, Esther M., dau. of David T. Long of Northfield, Mass. They had *Willie Allen Felton*,[9] b. April 27, 1872; d. March 28, 1882.

iii. ALDEN PUTNAM FELTON, b. Sept. 5, 1849; d. Oct. 26, 1849.

iv. CHARLES HUDSON FELTON, b. Aug. 24, 1855; d. in Camden, N. J., Nov. 23, 1887; m. Sept. 4, 1879, Mary E., dau. of Alvin Sanderson of Camden, N. J., and had: 1. *Edith Lurene*, b. March 28, 1882. 2. *Alvin Sanderson*, b. Feb. 2, 1885. 3. *Charles Hudson*, b. Aug. 16, 1886.

v. ERNEST EDWIN FELTON, b. June 28, 1860; d. in Gardner, Mass., Oct. 31, 1881.

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A. ALLEN[7] BENT (*Hyman*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Fitzwilliam, N. H., Jan. 29, 1823; living in Boston, Mass. Although brought up on "a stern and rock-bound farm," to use his own expression, he worked more or less through his youth in a wooden-ware shop. At the time of leaving his native town, in August, 1845, he was a lieutenant in the 12th regiment, New Hampshire militia. Except a year and a half spent in Weston, Mass., in 1855 and 1856, his home for the next twenty-four years was in the South village of Gardner, Mass., fourteen miles from his birthplace. At first he worked for his brother-in-law, John Sawin, chair manufacturer, but after his return from Weston bought out a part of the business, which he continued until 1868, when he sold it to his three brothers.

Becoming early interested in the anti-slavery cause, much of his time, money and energy were spent in that work. For several years he was secretary of the Worcester County North Anti-Slavery Society, and for a few years was one of the Vice Presidents of the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society. In 1866, he represented his district in the Legislature. The first of April, 1869, he transferred his home to Boston, the part formerly the city of Roxbury, where he continues to reside. Since its organization, in 1879, he has been one of the Trustees of the Boylston Street Land Company, and since April, 1882, the company's Treasurer.

He was married, Nov. 1, 1848, by Rev. William B. Stone (brother of Lucy Stone) to Sarah Breck, born in Gardner, Mass., July 24, 1826, daughter of Elijah and Sarah (Comee) Breck, and a descendant in the 7th generation from John Breck, who died in Medfield, Mass., Jan. 3, 1660. Mr. and Mrs. Bent celebrated their golden wedding (the fourth in the family) at Gardner, Nov. 1, 1898, surrounded by nearly three score of their relatives and friends, including six who were present fifty years before.

Children, both born in Gardner:

i. ALICE MARIA,[8] b. May 21, 1857; d. March 26, 1863.
370. ii. ALLEN HERBERT, b. June 5, 1867.

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SUSAN[7] BENT (*Hyman*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born Dec. 30, 1825, in Fitzwilliam, N. H., where she is still living. She married, April 21, 1847, Winslow Phillips, born in Fitzwilliam, Jan. 19, 1817, died in Fitzwilliam, April 26, 1897, æ. 80, youngest son of Elijah and Lydia (Brigham) Phillips. Soon after marriage he went to live on the Hyman Bent farm, which he continued to cultivate until the end of his days.

Children, all born in Fitzwilliam, N. H.:

i. HERBERT[8] PHILLIPS, b. March 18, 1851; d. Sept. 29, 1853.

ii. ARTHUR LYNMORE PHILLIPS, b. Sept. 7, 1854; living in Winchendon, Mass.; m. Oct. 7, 1878, Hattie M. Keith, b. July 9, 1858, dau. of Henry and Eunice Keith of Winchendon. Two children: 1. *Goldie Augusta Phillips*, b. Dec. 14, 1879. 2. *Winslow Keith Phillips*, b. Feb. 12, 1891.

iii. WILBUR HENRY PHILLIPS, b. Feb. 8, 1856; living in Leominster, Mass.; m. Aug. 6, 1884, Carrie A., dau. of Edwin and Caroline Rice of Gardner, Mass. No children.

iv. CHESTER HERBERT PHILLIPS, b. May 27, 1868; living in Fitzwilliam, N. H., where he carries on the old Hyman Bent farm in addition to running a store and the post office at State Line, a mile south of his home; has been selectman several years; m. April 20, 1892, Anna M., dau. of Alvah M. and Martha Ann (Parker) Merrill of Plymouth, N. H. One child, *Marguerite Phillips*, b. in Fitzwilliam, N. H., Sept. 13, 1894.

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MARIA[7] BENT (*Hyman*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Fitzwilliam, N. H., Oct. 13, 1828. Resides in Gardner, Mass. She married, Oct. 12, 1853, Marcus Wright, born April 23, 1825, died Feb. 22, 1883, son of Nathaniel and Susan (Edgell) Wright of Gardner, and a descendant of John Wright who settled in Woburn, Mass., in 1640. Lois Maria, a child by Marcus Wright's first wife, Maria S. Sawin, has always lived in the family.

Child, born in (South) Gardner:

i. LEWIS ASHLEY[8] WRIGHT, b. June 25, 1861; living in South Gardner, where he operates the saw-mill started by his great-grandfather, Joseph Wright, at the beginning of the 19th century; m. March 15, 1888, Edith, dau. of Gustavus Newell of Harvard, Mass. One child, *Marcus Newell Wright*, b. in South Gardner, Jan. 26, 1889.

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ELMINA[7] BENT (*Hyman*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Fitzwilliam, N. H., June 16, 1830; living in South Gardner, Mass. She married, Nov. 15, 1859, Joseph Green of Hubbardston, Mass., born Feb. 12, 1832, son of Joseph and Sally (Foster) Green, and a descendant of John Green of Charlestown, Mass., 1632.

Children, all born in Gardner:

i. WILLIAM HYMAN[8] GREEN, b. Oct. 23, 1862; living in South Gardner, Mass.; m. Oct. 11, 1892, Emma, b. in Westminster, Jan. 4, 1867, dau. of Sewall Whitcomb and Mary Jane (Bickford) Seaver.

ii. ALLEN ARUNAH GREEN, b. Nov. 3, 1866; m. first, Jan. 12, 1886, Kate Osgood, who d. in Gardner, April 11, 1895; m. second, May 27, 1897, Mary Morrisy of Gardner. One child, *Margaret Elmina*, b. June 15, 1898.

iii. LESTER NEWELL GREEN, b. Aug. 24, 1871; living unm. in South Gardner, Mass.

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CHARLES ORRA[7] BENT (*Hyman*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Fitzwilliam, N. H., June 4, 1835, and is living in Gardner, Mass. When a young man, he followed his brothers and sisters to Gardner, but soon after, in 1858, went, via Isthmus of Panama, to California, where he married, Sept. 18, 1864, at Santa Cruz, Emeline Barnhill, born in Truro, N. S., April 7, 1842, died Sept. 26, 1889, daughter of John Barnhill. He returned to Gardner in the fall of 1868, and soon after formed, with his brothers, the firm of S. Bent & Bros., chair manufacturers, of which he is the present head. He married second, April 28, 1895, at Concord, N. H., Mrs. Angeline (Barney) Wetherbee, a native of Nantucket, Mass.

Children of Charles O. and Emeline, i. born in Santa Cruz, Cal., ii. b. in Gardner, Mass.:

i. ALICE LEVINA,[8] b. Oct. 28, 1866; living in Gardner, Mass.; m. Aug. 1, 1895, James Arthur Stiles (his second marriage), a lawyer, of Gardner, b. in Fitchburg, Mass., Sept. 1, 1855, graduated from Harvard in 1877, son of James Franklin Stiles. One child, *Elizabeth Stiles*, b. in Gardner, Nov. 22, 1896.

ii. GEORGE BARNHILL, b. April 8, 1872; living in Gardner, Mass.; m. Dec. 6, 1893, Edith L., dau. of Jonathan Davis of Gardner.

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FRANCES F.[7] BENT (*Hyman*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Fitzwilliam, N. H., Oct. 27, 1838; living in Marlboro', N. H. She married, at Keene, N. H., Nov. 27, 1862, Charles Oscar Whitney, born in Troy, N. H., May 4, 1838, son of Luke and Lovina (White) Whitney, and a descendant of John Whitney of Watertown, 1635. They lived in Springfield and Gardner, Mass., before locating, in 1866, in Marlboro', where Mr. Whitney is now a prominent business man and mill owner. Mrs. Whitney has been long and faithfully identified with the Universalist church.

Children, i. born in Gardner, Mass., ii. and iii. in Marlboro', N. H.:

i. FRANK RUSSELL[8] WHITNEY, b. Aug. 29, 1866; d. Aug. 25, 1885.

R. L. BENT, OF GARDNER, MASS.

ii. CHARLES WINFRED WHITNEY, b. Aug. 4, 1877; m. Julia Cloutier of Marlboro'.
iii. ROBERT LYNMORE WHITNEY, b. Sept. 10, 1880.

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RODERIC LESLIE[7] BENT (*Hyman*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Fitzwilliam, N. H., March 22, 1843; died in Gardner, Mass., Jan. 5, 1895, æ. 51. When a young man, following the course of his brothers and most of his sisters, he moved to Gardner, Mass., where, with the exception of a brief interval in New Haven just previous to his marriage, the rest of his life was spent. In October, 1868, he and two of his brothers bought the business of the remaining brother, A. Allen Bent, and formed the firm of S. Bent & Bros., chair manufacturers, of which he was an active member at the time of his death. In addition to his business cares, he took an active part in town affairs and served on many and various committees, besides representing his district in the Legislature in 1884 and 1885. He was president of the Gardner Electric Light Co., a director of the Blount Manufacturing Co., a director of the First National Bank, and one of the investment committee for the Gardner Savings Bank.

The following tribute is from the pen of his brother:

R. L. Bent possessed some remarkable traits of character, some rare business qualifications. He was one of the few who could conduct business with success and at the same time with fairness towards those associated with him and with all he had dealings with. The successful business man is worthy of more credit than he usually gets. Statistics show that only five or six out of every hundred can manage business successfully; consequently, the other ninety-four or ninety-five are in some way dependent on the five or six. Successful business men are the great promoters of advanced civilization. Indeed, civilization is largely dependent on them. The varied and valuable charitable institutions and the many noble enterprises that go to make our civilization valuable are results of business enterprise of men who accumulate more than enough to support their own families. I honor the successful business man, and such was R. L. Bent. And his good traits did not end with his fine business capabilities. He was a faithful husband, a devoted father, a kind and thoughtful relative, generous to those less fortunate than himself, a true public spirited citizen, loyal alike to his family, to his friends, to his associates, to his country, and to the higher law of truth and right, an honest, conscientious, fair-minded, representative man. The needs of the hour are for more such men. He fought a good fight, but finished his course all too early. We cannot explain the mystery of his removal when he was so useful and when he seemed so much needed. Perhaps his tireless activity hastened his departure. He dropped the earthly garments, which energetic use had worn out, too soon. Still we have reason to be thankful that we have seen him and known him and been helped by him. We are all better for having known him. A great loss means that we have had a great treasure.

We shall hold him in grateful remembrance for his rare ability, for his loyalty, integrity, strong hand and generous heart.

He married, July 10, 1866, Mary L. Adams, born Jan. 22, 1849, daughter of Silas and Roxa (Hunting) Adams of Gardner, and a descendant of Henry Adams of Braintree, 1632, the ancestor of the Presidents Adams, the Revolutionary patriot Samuel Adams and William T. Adams (Oliver Optic).

Children, both born in Gardner:

i. ROLLAND ADAMS,[8] b. March 22, 1876.
ii. ARNOLD AINSLIE, b. Nov. 28, 1887.

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ELISHA MELZO[7] BENT (*Elisha,*[6] *Samuel,*[5] *Thomas,*[4] *Hopestill,*[3] *Peter,*[2] *John*[1]) was born Aug. 6, 1845, in Fitzwilliam, N. H., where he is still living on the farm his grandfather cleared in 1780. He married, Jan. 17, 1878, Julia Roxana, born April 26, 1856, daughter of Moses and Abbie (Marshall) Chaplin of Fitzwilliam.

Children, all born in Fitzwilliam:

i. AGNES MAY,[8] b. Sept. 27, 1878.
ii. FLORA JOSEPHINE, b. June 20, 1881.
iii. WALDO HEYWOOD, b. March 25, 1883.
iv. ABBIE LUCRETIA, b. Sept. 23, 1885.
v. ROLLAND, b. 1887; d. 1887.
vi. ROBERT WARES, b. Aug. 21, 1889.
vii. BERNICE BELLE, b. 1890; d. 1890.
viii. RUTH ISABELLE, b. July 10, 1893.
ix. MILDRED ROXANA, b. July 22, 1897; d. Jan. 20, 1899.

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NEWELL[7] BENT (*Newell,*[6] *Jonathan,*[5] *Thomas,*[4] *Hopestill,*[3] *Peter,*[2] *John*[1]), was born March 5, 1810, in Cambridge, Mass., where he died Dec. 18, 1872, æ. 62. He was a coal and wood merchant, and dealt largely in real estate in addition. He was for several years a director of the First National Bank of Cambridge. He married, June 19, 1833, Mary Emery, daughter of John and Sally (How) Trowbridge. Sally How was a daughter of Col. Ezekiel How of Wayside Inn fame (see page 17).

Children, all born in Cambridge:

i. HARRIET AUGUSTA,[8] b. May 4, 1834; m. June 3, 1863, David F. Leavitt of Boston, at Point de Galle, Ceylon, where Mr. Leavitt was engaged in business from 1861 to 1866, when they removed to St. Louis, Mo., where he still resides engaged in coffee and sugar business. Four children: 1. *Mary T.*, b. 1864; d. 1875. 2. *Franklin*, b. Oct. 7, 1871. 3. *Newell Bent*, b. 1873; d. 1873. 4. *Sherman*, b. Dec. 20, 1878.

371. ii. GEORGE HENRY, b. June 19, 1836.
iii. ELLEN M., b. 1838; d. 1842.
iv. SARAH CHAPLIN, b. July 25, 1841; living unm. in North Cambridge.
v. MARY EMMA, b. Nov. 24, 1843; living unm. in North Cambridge.
vi. FANNIE ELIZA, b. March 13, 1846; living in Newton, Mass.; m. Oct. 21, 1873, Charles Hunt of Boston, Capt. Co. G., 44th Reg. Mass. Vols. in Civil War. Four children: 1. *Helen T.*,[9] b. Nov. 12, 1875. 2. *Walter N.*, b. June 6, 1877; d. Sept. 4, 1887. 3. *Charles G.*, b. Jan. 21, 1885. 4. *Lowell*, b. March 6, 1886.
vii. MARTHA JANE, b. June 11, 1848; living in Framingham, Mass.; m. March 17, 1873, William F. Gregory, shoe mfr., firm of Gregory, Shaw & Co. Six children: 1. *Evelyn W.*,[9] b. July 3, 1874. 2. *Franklin E.*, b. June 27, 1877. 3. *Arthur W.*, b. Oct. 1, 1879. 4. *Ernest T.*, b. Feb. 14, 1883. 5. *Marion H.*, b. Oct. 22, 1886. 6. *Russell E.*, b. Dec. 23, 1891.
372. viii. WALTER TROWBRIDGE, b. May 5, 1851.

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LUCIUS PHILIP[7] BENT (*Thomas*,[6] *Jonathan*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer and insurance agent, was born June 14, 1833, in Sudbury, Mass., where he has always lived, except two years before marriage spent in a store in Framingham. He has been moderator at town meetings several times. He married, July 8, 1857, Lauretta, daughter of Aaron and Lois (Hosmer) Hunt.

Children, all born in Sudbury:

i. LUCIUS ELLSWORTH,[8] b. June 23, 1861; living in North Sudbury; m. May 31, 1890, Annie I. Ward of Wayland; no children.
ii. LAURETTA JOSEPHINE, b. March 1, 1864; living in Natick, Mass.; graduated from State Normal School at Framingham and afterwards made a study of the organ; m. March 1, 1886, Walter Leslie Felch, a shoe mfr. in Natick.
iii. GRACE EDNA, b. 1869; d. 1870.
iv. MATTIE BLANCHE (twin), b. Sept. 16, 1870; educated in State Normal School at Framingham and Normal Art School, Boston; m. April 16, 1895, George Frank Cutting, who keeps a hotel in Maynard, Mass.
v. RUTH BLANCHE (twin), b. Sept. 16, 1870; d. unm. in Sudbury, March 5, 1899; graduated from State Normal School in Framingham and had served on the school committee of her native town; at the time of death was treasurer of the First Unitarian Society in Sudbury.
vi. HAROLD BURTON, b. March 27, 1878.

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THOMAS ALBERT[7] BENT (*Thomas*,[6] *Jonathan*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), carpenter, was born in Sudbury, Mass., July 31, 1835; living in Somerville, Mass. He married Rebecca H. Brigham of Sudbury.

Children:

i. LEWIS ALBERT BRIGHAM,[8] b. 1864; d. April 4, 1882.
ii. CARRIE FRANCES, living unm. with her parents.

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CYRUS ANDERSON[7] BENT (*Thomas*,[6] *Jonathan*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born Feb. 1, 1840, in Sudbury, Mass., where he died Sept. 28, 1879, æ. 39. He married, Sept. 7, 1862, Lauretta Sophia, daughter of George and Abby Parmenter of Sudbury, where Mrs. Bent still resides.

Children:

i. ELLA MELISSA,[8] b. Dec. 21, 1863; living in Clinton, N. Y.; m. June 10, 1884, Rev. Matthew D. Sill of Nicholville, N. Y.
ii. CHARLES, b. 1868; d. 1869.
iii. FRED, b. 1871; d. 1871.
iv. HERBERT NEWTON, b. Aug. 30, 1875; freight agent in South Framingham, Mass.

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GEORGE HENRY[7] BENT (*Thomas*,[6] *Jonathan*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born May 8, 1846, in Sudbury, Mass.; still living in the north part of the town. He married, Oct. 26, 1865, Lydia Ann, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Battles of Sudbury.

Children, all born in Sudbury except ii. and iii., born in Somerville, Mass.:

i. CARRIE JANE,[8] b. Dec. 9, 1866; m. Nov. 5, 1881, Hiram Haynes, 2d, of Sudbury.
i. GEORGE LUMAN, b. Feb. 3, 1870; farmer and station agent at Sudbury Centre; m. first, Nov. 10, 1890, Sarah E., dau. of Albert W. and Helen F. Rice of Sudbury; m. second, April 2, 1899, Evie Parmenter of Sudbury. One child by first marriage, *Grace Eloise*, b. Sept. 30, 1891.
iii. ANNIE G., b. 1873; d. 1876.
iv. CHARLES ERNEST, b. June 4, 1876.
v. THOMAS BATTLES, b. Feb. 27, 1878; d. Dec. 25, 1885.
vi. SAMUEL ELBRIDGE, b. Sept. 7, 1880; saw service in 6th Mass. Reg. in Cuban campaign, 1898.

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FRANCIS EUGENE[7] BENT (*Thomas*,[6] *Jonathan*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born Dec. 30, 1848, in Sudbury, Mass., where he still lives. He has been town treasurer, constable and tax collector for many years. He married, Oct. 31, 1871, Abbie E., daughter of George and Sarah Smith of Sudbury.

Children, all born in Sudbury:

i. SARAH E.,[8] b. Nov. 29, 1874; m. Luman Emory Conant of Waltham, Mass.
ii. GERTRUDE E., b. Nov. 27, 1877; d.
iii. ALICE ESTHER, b. April 29, 1881.
iv. FRANCES ELLA, b. May 31, 1886.

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CHARLES[7] BENT (*Silas*,[6] *Silas*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Charleston, (West) Virginia, Nov. 11, 1799; killed by the Indians at Taos, N. M., Jan. 19, 1847. About the year 1826 four of the Bent brothers, Charles, William, George and Robert, together with Ceran St. Vrain, went from the Upper Missouri or Sioux County (whither they had gone, some of them as early as 1823, in the service of the American Fur Co.) to what is now Colorado, where they immediately built a wooden fort. Two years afterward they began the construction of an adobe fort, which was finished in 1832. This was the famous Bent's Fort, or as they called it, Fort William. For ten years they, and those in their employ, were the only white men in what is now Bent County. St. Vrain and the oldest of the Bent brothers, Charles, did not remain long, but pushed on to New Mexico. It was probably in 1829 that they applied to President Jackson for a military escort to cross the Arkansas river, then the dividing line between the United States and Mexico. The band that started consisted of about sixty men and thirty-six wagons. Charles Bent was chosen captain, and two hundred soldiers, under the command of Major Bennett Riley, were granted them. At one time on their journey they were attacked by a band of Indians variously estimated at from five hundred to two thousand, but succeeded in holding their own. They finally reached what is now New Mexico and located permanently for trading purposes. In 1829 Spain invaded Mexico, and the latter country, which had become independent in 1821, banished all people of Spanish birth from the Republic. Several Spanish families crossed the plains from Santa Fé to St. Louis that fall, under the guidance of Charles Bent and his caravan.

Everyone speaks highly of Captain Charles. William Waldo of Texas, who was with him in those early days, says, "he was a man of splendid nerve and power, and a military genius of no mean

order, and furthermore his caution was equal to his valor." Captain James Hobbs of California, who also knew him, says, "I always found him perfectly upright in his dealings, both with his party and with the Indians. He commanded the confidence and respect of all the tribes he dealt with, and his honorable treatment of them prevented violence on their part." J. P. Dunn, Jr., in his "Massacres of the Mountains," says, "besides being a man of practical knowledge, Bent was a man of talent, energy and patriotism."

At the declaration of war with Mexico, in 1846, Colonel Stephen W. Kearney left Fort Leavenworth in June, and on August 1st encamped with his command at Bent's Fort. The following day they left for Santa Fé, marching over the route now occupied by the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé Railroad. Charles Bent commanded a company of spies on the expedition.

On the 22d of September (1846), Kearney, being duly authorized by the President of the United States, appointed Charles Bent Governor of New Mexico, of which they had just taken possession. Previous to this, he had married a Spanish lady (whose sister married Kit Carson) and established his residence at Don Fernandez de Taos (now plain Taos, about sixty-five miles N. N. E. of Santa Fé). "The community over which he was called to rule," says J. P. Dunn, Jr., "was complex. The Americans were trifling in number outside the military. The people generally may be classed as Mexicans, Pueblos and wild Indians, though there existed in abundance every imaginable gradation of blood and habits between these classes. The Pueblos were the most interesting and, indeed, the most reliable of the three classes. They are not a nation or tribe, but include a number of tribes, speaking six distinct languages. They are, as the name signifies, Indians who live in permanent towns. Most of them were Christianized after a fashion at an early date. At the time of this conquest, they inhabited the twenty-six villages which they still occupy."

"On the 26th of Dec., 1846, Governor Bent wrote that he had received information of a revolt on the 17th of December, but that he had secured seven of the conspirators. Believing the revolt to be at an end, he went, on the 14th of Jan., 1847, to his home at Taos. On the 19th the Indians appeared and asked for the release of two prisoners. This being refused, they killed the sheriff, and then attacked the Governor's house, killing and scalping Bent and two others, one of the latter being his brother-in-law, Pablo Jaramillo. The army, after capturing the insurrectionists, fourteen of whom were afterward tried, convicted and hung, returned to Santa Fé, and there on the 13th of February the bodies of Governor Bent and prosecuting-attorney Leal were buried with civic, masonic and military honors. After a third interment the remains of Governor Bent

now lie in the Masonic Cemetery at the New Mexican capital, beneath a handsome monument and honorable epitaph."

He is described as a heavily built man, with a pleasant but firm disposition, and was evidently a good exemplification of the motto of the English Bents, "Nec temere nec timide."

Don Carlos, as he was known in his home, had by his wife, Ignacia Jaramilla, three children, all born in Taos, N. M.:

373. i. ALFRED,[8] b. 1836.

ii. ESTEFINA, m. Zan Hickling and moved to a ranch on the Green Horn in Colorado (25 miles from the nearest settlement), where he died in 1878; his widow still lives near by with her two children.

iii. TERISINA, m. first, ——— Lux; m. second, Aloys Scheurick of Taos, N. M., where they still reside; five children.

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JULIANNAH[7] BENT (*Silas*,[6] *Silas*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in (West) Virginia, July 18, 1801; died in St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 21, 1820. She married Lilburn W. Boggs, Lieut. Governor of Missouri 1832 to 1836, Governor 1836 to 1840, and leader of the first great band of settlers that went from Missouri to California.

Children, both born in St. Louis:

i. ANGUS LANGHAM[8] BOGGS, b. July 17, 1818; d. in San José, Cal., May 8, 1878; m. Susannah Rebecca Aud, b. in Danville, Ky., Jan. 25, 1822, d. in San José, March 4, 1896. Six children: 1. *Charles Samuel*[9] *Boggs*, b. 1844; d. 1849. 2. *Ann Eliza Boggs*, b. in Independence, Mo., July 16, 1846; m. Hugh Moore. 3. *Julia Maria Boggs*, b. 1849; d. 1868. 4. *Mary Frances Boggs*, b. 1851; d. 1857. 5. *Walter Aud Boggs*, b. in Napa Valley, Cal., Nov. 29, 1855. 6. *Clara Grace Boggs*, b. 1861; d. 1865.

ii. HENRY CARROLL BOGGS, b. June 1, 1820; d. Sept. 27, 1898; was president of The Farmers Savings Bank in Lakeport, Cal.; m. Oct. 13, 1840, Martha Jane Young of Kentucky. Three children: 1. *Julia Luvann*[9] *Boggs*, b. Sept. 11, 1841; d. Nov. 23, 1864; m. March 9, 1864, William Wirt Pendergast. 2. *James William Boggs*, b. Aug. 10, 1843; living in Lakeport, Cal.; m. July 19, 1870, Josephine Boggs. 3. *Lilburn Henry Boggs*, b. Feb. 4, 1850; living in Lakeport, Cal.; m. Oct. 4, 1871, Sarah Coloma Elgin. One of daughters of latter bears the name of Bent Young[10] Boggs.

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JOHN[7] BENT (*Silas*,[6] *Silas*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in (West) Virginia, May 31, 1803; died in Callaway County, Missouri, May 18, 1845, æ. 42. He was educated at

Cannonsburg College, Washington Co., Penn., admitted to the bar in Missouri about 1825, and soon after was appointed clerk of the Circuit Court and recorder of Jefferson County, at Herculaneum, Mo. About a year afterward he returned to St. Louis, and in 1828 was a representative to the State Legislature, where his oratorical powers, as well as urbanity of manner, soon attracted attention. Upon his return, he was appointed circuit attorney for the St. Louis Circuit, the duties of which he faithfully discharged for six or eight years. His death was occasioned by an injury received from the overturning of a coach in which he was travelling.

He married in 1829 Olivia McClelland of Boone County, Mo. About 1853 she moved to Kentucky to live among her people. She died at her daughter's home in Springfield, Mo., in 1889.

Children, all born in St. Louis:

i. VIRGINIA,[8] b. Oct. 1831; living unm. in Bowling Green, Ky.
ii. MARTHA, b. Oct. 1834; d. unm. in Springfield, Mo., April, 1889.
374. iii. JAMES MCCLELLAND, b. April, 1841.

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LUCY[7] BENT (*Silas*,[6] *Silas*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Ohio, March 8, 1805, but went with her parents the following year to St. Louis, Mo., where she died March 2, 1871. She married, Sept. 28, 1826, Joseph Russell, who was born in Rockbridge County, Va., Feb. 27, 1786, and moved to Missouri about 1820.

Children, all born near St. Louis:

i. JULIA A. B.[8] RUSSELL, b. Oct. 16, 1827; m. Dec. 20, 1853, Trumbull Gustine Russell, b. April 7, 1823; not related so far as is known. Five children, only two living: *Lucy Bent*[9] and *Daniel Renouard.*
ii. JOHN G. RUSSELL, b. Nov. 6, 1830.
iii. CHARLES S. RUSSELL, b. March 7, 1833.
iv. RUSSELLA LUCY RUSSELL, b. Sept. 4, 1835; m. George W. Parker, Pres. of the Parker-Russell Mining & Mfg. Co. of St. Louis.

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DORCAS[7] BENT (*Silas*,[6] *Silas*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born March 12, 1807, in St. Louis, Mo., where she died Feb. 27, 1888, æ. 81. She married, Dec., 1829, William Chiles Carr, who was born in Albemarle County, Va., April 15, 1783, and settled, 1804, in St. Louis, where he died March 31, 1851. He was judge of St. Louis Circuit Court from 1826 to 1833; he had five children by a previous marriage.

Children of William C. and Dorcas (Bent) Carr:

i. DABNEY[8] CARR, b. June 29, 1831; living in St. Louis; m. Mary E. Dyer. Four children: 1. *Mary L.*[9] 2. *Carrie.* 3. *Dabney W.* 4. *Emeline.*

ii. WALTER BENT CARR, b. Jan. 11, 1833; d. March 22, 1865; m. Eugenia L. Paschall. Five children: 1. *William C.* 2. *N. Paschall.* 3. *Martha E.* 4. *Mary P.* 5. *Walter Bent.*

iii. WILLIAM CHILES CARR, b. 1835; d. 1840.

iv. CHARLES BENT CARR, b. July 28, 1836; living in St. Louis; m. Louisa A. Atchison. Seven children: 1. *George A.* 2. *Dorcas Bent*, m. Ernest P. Bell. 3. *Charles Bent.* 4. *Fannie L.* 5. *Marie.* 6. *Robert C.* 7. *Hazel A.*

v. GEORGE WASHINGTON CARR, b. 1838; d. 1839.

vi. THOMAS JEFFERSON CARR, b. June 28, 1840; d. Nov. 21, 1876; m. Minerva Norton. One child, *Eugenia.*

vii. ROBERT SEPTIMUS CARR, b. Feb. 20, 1842; living in St. Louis; m. first, Fannie Selby; m. second, Helen Sims. One son, *Robert L.*, by 1st wife; and one dau., *Mary Josephine*, by 2d wife.

viii. MARTHA ELIZABETH CARR, b. 1844; d. 1849.

ix. EUGENIA CARR, b. May 19, 1847; living in St. Louis; m. Augustus Kerr Phillips. Four children, one of whom bears the name of *Silas Bent*[9] *Phillips.*

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WILLIAM[7] BENT (*Silas*,[6] *Silas*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in St. Louis, Mo., May 23, 1809, and died in Bent County, Col., May 19, 1869. About 1826 he accompanied his brother Charles and others (see page 121) to the Arkansas valley in what is now the State of Colorado, then simply an unexplored part of the vast Louisiana purchase. Here they built a temporary wooden fort, which lasted until the completion in 1832 of what was known at first as Fort William, but later as Bent's Fort. From this as a centre he made trapping and trading expeditions among the Indians. When the fort was built the surrounding country was occupied by Comanches and Kiowas, but in 1836 he went to the valley of the Platte for a wife, a Cheyenne maid, daughter of a chief of great influence. The result was that about three-quarters of that tribe removed to the Arkansas valley, and his business increased correspondingly. In the palmy days he employed a hundred trappers.

During the Mexican War, in 1846 and 1847, the fort was headquarters for the commissary department, and many supplies were stored there. William Bent acted as guide as far as Taos, N. M. (his brother's home), for the 2d Missouri Cavalry, commanded by Col. Sterling Price (later a Confederate major-general), and after that was known as Col. Bent. In 1852 the Government offered

him $12,000 for his fort, but his price was $16,000. As no agreement could be reached, he loaded what goods he could into his wagons, set fire to the powder magazine, and blew up the fort.

In the spring of 1853 Col. Bent began a new fort, forty miles east of the old one, completing it the following year. In 1859 he was appointed U. S. Indian agent for the Cheyennes and Arapahoes, but resigned in the next year. In the fall of 1859 he leased his fort to the Government, and it was occupied with troops and called Fort Wise, after Gov. Wise of Virginia; but this name was changed in 1861 to Fort Lyon, after the gallant Gen. Lyon, one of the first to die in the Civil War. The fort was abandoned in 1867 and a new fort was built by the United States twenty-five miles up the Arkansas River and named Fort Lyon, but this was given up in 1890.

In 1859 Col. Bent began improvements near the mouth of the Purgatoire River, Colorado, building a stockade one hundred feet square. In 1860 R. M. Moore, from Jackson County, Mo., joined him, and soon after married the Colonel's oldest daughter, Mary. This daughter had been educated in the family of Col. Albert G. Boone, a relative of the famous Daniel Boone of Kentucky. "The wedding," says the Kansas City *Journal of Commerce*, "was such a one as could be given only on the Western frontier and at the mansion of Col. Bent." The latter assembled his old hunting companions, formed an Indian council and passed around the pipe of peace. R. M. Moore, who was born in Ohio in 1833, was the first probate judge and first superintendent of schools for Bent County, 1870, and is now one of the largest ranch owners and cattle raisers in the county, and a man greatly respected. He has 2200 head of cattle, besides a large lot of sheep.

Col. Bent's wife died soon after the birth of her youngest child, and he married her sister. He himself died at his home, near Las Animas, Colo., May 19, 1869, æ. 60. Says Hall's *History of Colorado:* "A remarkable man in his day was William Bent, not perhaps according to the æsthetic standard, but in the estimation of his fellows and of the red men, where his iron firmness yet kindly manners, his integrity, truthfulness and courage not only compelled admiration but endeared him to them. As a consequence, no such harvests as he gathered were open to his competitors, and when his heavily loaded trains reached St. Louis, bearing the fruits of his enterprise, they came like ships bearing coveted cargoes from foreign lands."

William Bent's children were:

i. MARY,[8] b. Jan. 22, 1838; d. May 6, 1878; m. April 3, 1860, R. M. Moore. Six children, four girls and two boys.

ii. ROBERT, d. in Indian Territory in April, 1889.

iii. GEORGE, living, 1894, at Darlington, I. T.

iv. JULIA, m. Edward Gurrie; living, 1894, at Darlington, I. T.

v. CHARLES, was educated at St. Louis, but joined the Indians and died with them in 1868. The cause of his death was malarial fever superinduced by a wound received in a fight with the Kaws near the mouth of the Walnut Creek in Kansas. His picture appears in *Harper's Magazine* for Feb. 1868 (vol. 36, p. 305).

BENT'S FORT.

Bent's Fort, Colorado, as has already been stated,* was begun in 1828 and completed in 1832. It was on the north bank of the Arkansas River, twelve or fifteen miles from Las Animas, the former capital of Bent County, some seventy miles east of Pueblo, Col., 650 miles west of Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and 8958 feet above the sea. It was one hundred feet square, with adobe walls 15 feet high and four feet thick. At the northeast and southwest corners were bastions armed with cannon. Inside the apartments were built against the walls in the Mexican fashion and in the centre was the storehouse for furs. In 1846 it justified Col. Cooke's assertion that it was in reality the only *fort* at the West. Francis Parkman stopped in August of that year, just after Kearney's soldiers had been there, and makes a brief allusion in "The Oregon Trail" to its "high clay walls in the midst of the scorching plains." At present, however, not a vestige of it remains, but in its day it afforded shelter to hundreds of weary travellers and was the most noted trading post west of the Missouri River.

In 1831, after Charles Bent had pushed on further west, Kit Carson,† then barely twenty-one, was hired as a hunter and remained until Gen. Fremont found him in 1845 and employed him as a guide. This was Fremont's third western expedition, but the first time he had ever stopped at Bent's Fort. He came again on his fourth expedition in 1848.

"The contiguous region to Fort William," says Col. Henry Inman in "The Old Santa Fé Trail," "was in the early days a famous hunting ground. It abounded in nearly every variety of animal indigenous to the mountains and plains, among which were the panther, the lynx, white wolf, prairie wolf, silver-gray fox, prairie fox, antelope, buffalo, gray, grizzly and cinnamon bears, together with the common brown and black species, the red deer and the black tail. Of birds there were wild turkeys, quail and grouse, besides an endless variety of the smaller-sized families, not regarded as belonging to the domain of game in a hunter's sense. It was a veritable paradise too for the trappers. Its numerous streams and creeks were famous for beaver, otter and mink."

* See pages 121 and 125.

† Christopher or Kit Carson was born in Kentucky, Dec. 24, 1809, and died May 23, 1868, æ. 58.

"Scarcely an acre," he significantly adds, "of the surrounding area within the radius of hundreds of miles but has been the scene of many deadly encounters with the wily red man."

BENT COUNTY, COLORADO.

Bent County, Colorado, was authorized by legislative act of February, 1870, it having been part of Las Animas and Pueblo Counties previously. The original county seat was Las Animas, but this was soon changed to Boggsville. The county is 110 miles long and 84 miles wide, having an area of nearly 9500 square miles, about the size of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The Arkansas River runs through the entire length of the county, a little south of the centre, and the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fé Railroad follows the bank of the river. The county is in the south-eastern part of the state, the eastern boundary being Kansas. The surface in general is a grassy plain, which up to 1872 was occupied by great herds of buffalo and antelope. Its modern growth as a farming country did not begin until 1886–87. The population in 1890 was about 20,000, but it has increased largely since then.

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MARY[7] BENT (*Silas*[6], *Silas*[5], *Elijah*[4], *Hopestill*[3], *Peter*[2], *John*[1]) was born Jan. 25, 1811, in St. Louis, Mo., where she died March 3, 1866, aged 55; married Oct. 22, 1835, Major Jonathan Leet Bean, U. S. A., born July 14, 1800, died July 16, 1853.

Children, all born in St. Louis, Mo. (three died in infancy):

i. WILLIAM CHAMBERS BEAN,[8] b. Sept. 9, 1836, d. July 14, 1885; m. Oct. 4, 1866, Susan Johnson, b. Petersburg, Va., Jan. 1, 1837. Four children, all b. in St. Louis: 1. *Mary Leet*[9] *Bean*, b. July 31, 1869. 2. *Annie Johnson Bean*, b. April 12, 1871. 3. *Ashton Garrett Bean*, b. March 11, 1872. 4. *Edith Bean*, b. Sept. 24, 1882.

ii. MARY CATHERINE BEAN, b. Dec. 28, 1843, d. Feb. 6, 1891; m. Nov. 27, 1867, James Boude Sharpe, b. Mayslick, Ky., July 5, 1833, d. Feb. 9, 1894; five children: 1. *Norville Wallace*[9] *Sharpe*, b. Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 21, 1869, living in St. Louis; m. Aug. 19, 1895, Daisy McClain Scott. 2. *Bent Sharpe*, b. St. Louis, March 29, 1871. 3. *Daisy Sharpe*, b. 1873, d. 1882. 4. *Charles B. Sharpe*, b. 1877, d. 1884. 5. *James Marion Sharpe*, b. Ferguson, Mo., July 4, 1883.

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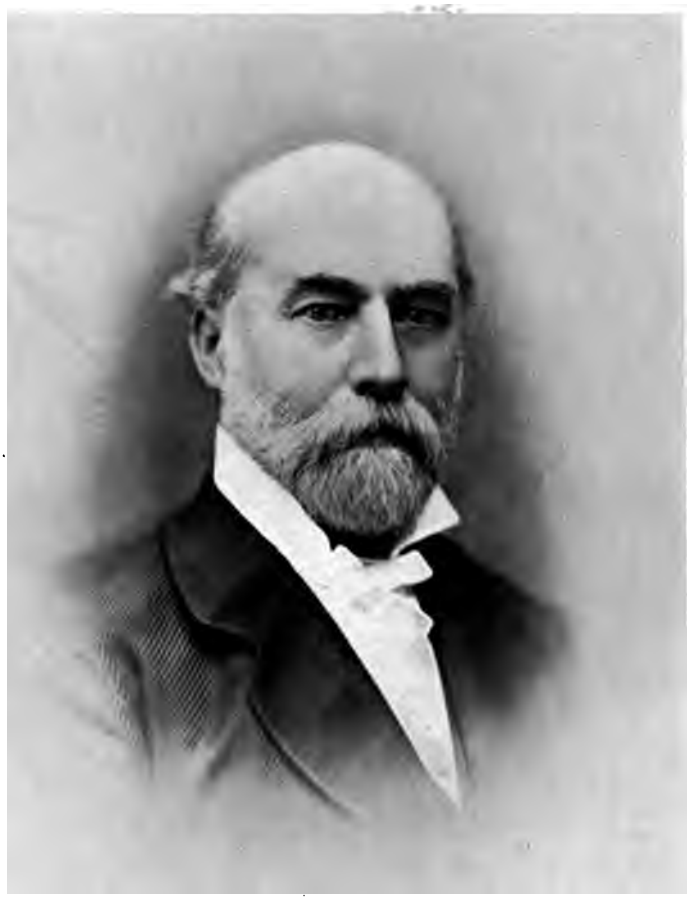
SILAS[7] BENT (*Silas*[6], *Silas*[5], *Elijah*[4], *Hopestill*[3], *Peter*[2], *John*[1],) was born in South St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 10, 1820, and died Aug. 26, 1887, at Shelter Island, L. I., where he had gone for his health; buried in Louisville, Ky. His education was re-



LIEUT. SILAS BENT, U. S. N.

ceived at the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. He became a midshipman July 1, 1836, master in 1849, and lieutenant Aug. 1, 1849. In the latter position he conducted a series of surveys on the coast of Japan during Commodore Matthew C. Perry's expedition, which resulted in the opening to the world of the ports of that hitherto exclusive country. Bayard Taylor, who took part in the expedition, says in his "A Visit to India, China and Japan in the Year 1853," published two years later: "Too much credit, however, cannot be awarded to the different officers, and especially to Lieut. Bent, for the coolness and courage with which they prosecuted their work. When we consider that this, one of the greatest bays in the world, had hitherto never been surveyed, the interest and value of their labors will be better understood." Before this Lieut. Bent had been on the U. S. Brig Preble, 14 guns, with Commander Glynn, who succeeded in getting eighteen American sailors released from Japanese prisons and paved the way for Commodore Perry.* At the outbreak of the civil war his sympathies were with his native state and he resigned his commission and returned to his early home in St. Louis, where he assumed the management of the Tyler estate. He was a member of the Board of Freeholders who formed the present city charter of St. Louis and held many positions of trust. For several years he was senior warden of Christ Church. Most of his leisure was devoted to scientific research, and he took especial interest in polar explorations. As early as 1868 he addressed the St. Louis Historical Society on "The Thermometric Gateways to the Poles." This address was published and attracted the attention of scientists all over the world.

He married Nov. 5, 1857, Ann Eliza Tyler, daughter of Robert and Mary Lawrence (Chambers) Tyler of Louisville, Ky.

Children, i. born near and ii. in Louisville, Ky.

i. MARY LAWRENCE,[8] living unm. in St. Louis, Mo.

ii. LUCY, living in St. Louis; m. April 19, 1892, Crittenden McKinley of St. Louis. One child: *Silas Bent*[9] *McKinley*, b. 1893.

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EDWARD[7] BENT (*Nahum*[6], *Silas*[5], *Elijah*[4], *Hopestill*[3], *Peter*[2], *John*[1]) was born in Marietta, O., May 1, 1817; died Martinez, Cal., June 19, 1879, aged 62; soon after his marriage he and his father moved to Northwestern Missouri, where he remained until 1852, when he moved his family back to his father-in-law's home, near Riggston, Illinois, and went to California prospecting. Notwithstanding the fact that this was "the year of the cholera" and he had many rough experiences, he decided to return to Illinois and

* See article by William Elliot Griffis in Harper's for October, 1898.

take his family thither. June 1, 1854, they all started for California overland in a prairie schooner, a journey that took four months. Soon after their arrival death claimed three of the children. For two years they lived in Napa County, but in 1856 the family located in Alhambra Valley, near Martinez, in central California.

Edward Bent married July 25, 1838, Harriet Amanda, born in Connecticut, died in Martinez, Cal., Feb. 19, 1899, daughter of George W. Camp of Scott County, Ill. Mrs. Bent was a genuine pioneer. When she was very young her father took his family with a pioneer's outfit to Vermont, then but sparsely settled; a few years later he pushed on to the Ohio River, where he built a flat boat and floated down the Ohio and Mississippi until near St. Louis. After a short time here he packed his effects on to an ox-cart and moved to central Illinois. Here the future Mrs. Bent grew to womanhood and married. Soon after marriage, as has already been stated, she went to western Missouri and in 1854 to California, so it will be seen that she had crossed the continent in ox-wagons.

Children, i. to vi. born in Nodaway, Mo., vii. in Riggston, Ill., viii. to x. in the Alhambra Valley, Cal.

i. HELEN MARIA[8], b. Jan. 21, 1841; d. unm. July 19, 1864.
ii. GEORGE CAMP, b. June 5, 1842; d. unm. Aug. 15, 1867.
iii. EDWARD TUPPER, b. Dec. 2, 1843; d. Dec. 19, 1875; m. in Martinez, Cal., Dec. 12, 1869, Mary Louisa Gift. Two children: 1. *Helen Maria*,[9] b. 1871, d. 1872. 2. *Mary Louisa*, b. 1873, d. 1876.
iv. HARVEY GUTHRIE, b. Nov. 17, 1846; d. Nov. 9, 1854.
v. WILLIAM DANA, b. April 23, 1849; d. 1850.
vi. WARREN DOUGLAS, b. March 26, 1852; d. Oct. 27, 1854.
vii. CHARLES ABNER, b. Feb. 16, 1854; d. Nov. 3, 1854.
viii. MARIETTA, b. April 6, 1857; d. unm. June 1, 1886.
ix. LUTHER, b. March 7, 1859; d. Nov. 26, 1861.
x. CHARLOTTE, b. Sept. 11, 1861; living in Martinez, Cal.; m. May 24, 1884, William R. Matthews, real estate dealer.

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LUTHER[7] BENT (*Nahum*,[6] *Silas*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), physician, was born in Marietta, Ohio, Aug. 8, 1819; died in Bedford, Iowa, Aug. 1, 1878, æ. 59. While in his teens accompanied his parents to north-western Missouri. In 1850 and 1851 attended medical lectures in St. Louis, Mo. Began the practice of medicine in Maryville, Mo., in 1852; removed to Taylor County, Iowa, in the fall of 1853; three years later, he located in Bedford, Iowa, where he continued the practice of his profession until his death. He was a successful physician and a highly esteemed gentleman. He married a daughter of Judge Lowe.

Children:

i. CHARLES.[8]
ii. WAITTIE, school teacher in Bedford, Iowa.
And others.

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ELIJAH[7] BENT (*Abner*,[6] *Silas*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Belpre, Ohio, about 1804; died 1837. He married Maria, daughter of Hamilton Carr. She was living with her son in Iowa in 1887.

Children:

i. MATHILDA.[8]
ii. NAHUM.
iii. HAMILTON, moved to Iowa.
iv. CHARLES.

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SARAH[7] BENT (*Abner*,[6] *Silas*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Belpre, Ohio, Aug. 19, 1806; died in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, June 24, 1859. She married first, in 1826, George Parker, who died in 1828. She married second, Oct 28, 1833, David Miller* of Wyandot County, Ohio, born in Rockingham County, Va., Feb. 12, 1794, died in Wyandot County, Ohio, Aug. 28, 1855, son of Rev. Robert and Mary (Highfield) Miller.

Child by first marriage, born in Pitt township, Ohio:

i. MARY ELEANOR[8] PARKER, b. March 14, 1827; d. in De Witt, Ark., Jan. 31, 1876; m. Oct. 23, 1851, Findley Franklin Fowler, b. in Bradford Co., Pa., Jan. 8, 1818, d. in Little Sandusky, O., June 7, 1897. One child living, Mrs. *Bessie A.*,[9] widow of Thomas Haley Hutchinson of Stuttgart, Ark.

Children by second marriage, born in Pitt township, Ohio:

i. MARIA MCBETH[8] MILLER, born Nov. 21, 1835; d. in Upper Sandusky, O., April 1, 1874; m. Oct. 11, 1855, Robert Nelson Taylor. Three children.
ii. PRINCESS AMANDA MILLER, b. Aug. 4, 1837; m. Nov. 27, 1856, James House Anderson, b. March 16, 1833, now a judge in Columbus, O. Mr. Anderson, who is a descendant of Col. William Anderson, who fled from Scotland to Virginia in 1715, was b. in Marion, O., March 16, 1833, educated at the Ohio Wesleyan University and the Law Department of Cincinnati College, was mayor of his native city from April to October, 1855, when he became prosecuting attorney of the County; from 1861 to 1866, he was American consul at Hamburg, where he rendered his government valuable service

* David Miller's brother Reuben was the father of Rear Admiral Joseph N. Miller, U. S. N., recently retired.

during the trying war times. He is a trustee of the Ohio State Archæological and Historical Society, one of the Vice-Presidents General of the Sons of the American Revolution, and has taken much interest in the preparation of the Bent Genealogy. Five children: 1. *Mary Princess*,[9] b. Aug. 26, 1857; m. Edward Orton. 2. *James Thomas*, b. March 26, 1862; educated at Ohio State University; Lieut. U. S. A.; living in Colorado Springs, Col.; m. Helen Bagley. 3. *Charles Finley*, b. March 23, 1864. 4. *Amélie Ellen*, b. 1865; d. 1873. 5. *Alice Florence*, b. 1871; d. 1895.

iii. DAVID SELSOR MILLER, b. June 23, 1843; living in Upper Sandusky, O.; m. April 10, 1873, Fanny Witter.

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LINCOLN GOODALE[7] BENT (*Abner*,[6] *Silas*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Belpre, Ohio, about 1818; died May 17, 1877. He married Mary A. Kirts.

Children:

i. GEORGE K.,[8] b. about 1846; living in San Angelo, Texas.
ii. W. H.,
iii. ALBERT D.,
iv. AMOS R.,
} living in Wabash, Ind.
And others.

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WILLIAM LAWRENCE[7] BENT (*Joel*,[6] *Joel*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Wendell, Mass., May 12, 1806; died in Waterford, Wis., Jan. 3, 1855. He was a stone mason and a deacon in Wendell, where a greater part of his life was spent. For a few years before marriage, he lived in New York State, and in 1849 he moved to Waterford, Wis. After his death, his widow returned to Massachusetts, and resided in Leverett. He married first, Nov. 29, 1832, Lucinda Armstrong, who died in Wendell, March 13, 1842. He married second, March 15, 1843, Mariah Hannah, daughter of John and Lydia G. Woodbury of Leverett, Mass., where she died May 28, 1864.

Children of William L. and Lucinda, all born in Wendell:

i. HORATIO GATES,[8] b. 1835; d. 1838.

ii. AMELIA, b. Nov. 3, 1839; living in Plattsmouth, Neb.; m. first, Aug. 25, 1856, in Waterford, Wis., Addison Parker Weston, who d. in Nehawka, Neb., April 3, 1895. No children. She m. second, May 28, 1897, in Grundy Centre, Iowa, Jacob H. Halderman.

iii. LUCINDA ARMSTRONG, b. Feb. 16, 1842; d. unm. in Amherst, Mass., May 16, 1870.

Children of William L. and Mariah, i. and ii. born in Wendell, Mass., iii. and iv. in Waterford, Wis.:

375. i. JOEL WOODBURY,[8] b. July 24, 1846.

376. ii. WILLIAM OSGOOD, b. July 17, 1848.

iii. LYDIA MARIAH, b. July 29, 1850; living in Chicopee Falls, Mass.; m. May 8, 1875, Henry Taylor Nims. One child, *Alice*,[9] b. in Boston, May 20, 1877.

iv. EMILY ELECTA, b. May 23, 1852; d. in Leverett, Mass., Sept. 4, 1863.

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WILLIAM ERVING[7] BENT (*Samuel*,[6] *Joel*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Wendell, Mass., Dec. 22, 1805; died in Elgin, Ill., May 13, 1879, æ. 73. When a young man, he went with his father to Vermont and later to Michigan, but in 1836 moved to Illinois, where, with others, he founded the town of Batavia; subsequently he lived for thirteen years three miles east of that place, then returned to Batavia, remaining until 1855, when he purchased a farm in Elgin, which he sold in 1864 and became a resident of the city of Elgin. He was a farmer, well educated and much respected. He married, at Batavia, N. Y., in 1830, Lucetta Wilson Smith, born Sept. 28, 1809, died Feb. 18, 1885, æ. 75.

Children of William and Lucetta:

i. MARY LAVINA,[8] b. 1834; d. 1834.

ii. Daughter, b. Feb. 8, 1836; d. Feb. 10, 1836.

iii. PLINY SMITH, b. Aug. 1, 1837; d. June 30, 1849; a remarkably scholarly lad.

iv. JEROME SMITH, b. 1840; d. 1841.

v. MARY CORDELIA, b. June 14, 1844; living in Washington, D. C.; m. at Elgin, Ill., Jan. 5, 1864, Oliver Corwin Sabin, b. in Ohio, May 19, 1840. Four children: 1. *Lucetta*,[9] b. 1865; d. 1869. 2. *Rhoda*, b. 1870; m. 1892, Alonzo B. Eaton. 3. *William Bent*, b. 1872. 4. *Oliver Corwin*, b. 1874.

vi. Daughter, b. 1849; d. 1849.

vii. HORATIO WILLIAM, b. 1850; d. 1851.

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HORATIO GATES[7] BENT (*Samuel*,[6] *Joel*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Wendell, Mass., Nov. 22, 1807; died in Bloomington, Ill., July 31, 1863, æ. 55; buried at Batavia, Ill. He lived for four or five years in the family of his relative, Rev. Joseph Kilburn, who educated him. When about seventeen, he left Massachusetts for the South, and after a time went into business for himself, first in Atlanta, Ga., and afterwards in Charleston, S. C., Mobile, Ala., and New Orleans, La. In the latter place, he became a very successful commission merchant. Prior to the war

(1859) realizing that the conflict must come, he disposed of his interests and moved to Bloomington, Ill., where the few remaining years of his life were spent. In New Orleans, he was offered the presidency of one of the leading banks, but ill health obliged him to decline the offer. He was a man of much intelligence and refinement, as well as business ability. He married, Sept. 24, 1856, Lucinda Grimes of Batavia, Ill., born in Bethany, N. Y., Aug. 12, 1823, died in Bloomington, Ill., March 12, 1898, æ. 74.

Children of Horatio G. and Lucinda:

377. i. HORATIO GRIMES,[8] b. Nov. 22, 1857.

ii. NELLIE, b. March 25, 1860; m. Aug. 11, 1884, James S. Neville (b. March 11, 1851), a prominent lawyer in Bloomington, Ill., where they still live. One child, *Edith*,[9] b. Aug. 29, 1885. Mrs. Neville is a member of the Ill. Soc. Daughters of the Revolution.

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JOSEPH KILBURN[7] BENT (*Samuel*,[6] *Joel*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Wendell, Mass., Nov. 16, 1816; died in St. Louis, Mo., March 22, 1880, æ. 63. When a young man, he lived with his father in Vermont, Michigan and Missouri. In 1839, he located in St. Louis, and soon became one of the most successful contractors and builders in the city, amassing considerable wealth. He married, July 3, 1837, Sabina Phelps, who died in St. Louis, April 10, 1887.

Children of Joseph K. and Sabina, i. born at Liberty, Clay County, Mo., the others in St. Louis:

i. ELLEN,[8] b. 1839; living in St. Louis; m. Jan. 18, 1860, Joseph M. Hanson, who died several years ago. Eight children: 1. *Grace*.[9] 2. *Mellor*. 3. *Maude*. 4. *Mabel*. 5. *Beatrice*. 6. *Amy*. 7. *Helen*. 8. *Hope*.

378. ii. GEORGE, b. Oct. 25, 1840.

iii. WILLIAM EDWARD, d. leaving two boys and a girl.

iv. SAMUEL, living in California.

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CLINTON DE WITT[7] BENT (*Stephen*,[6] *Stephen*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Sterling, N. Y., April 30, 1817; living in Columbus City, Iowa. He was named after De Witt Clinton, who was elected Governor of New York the year his namesake was born. Owing to the early death of his father and the poor health of his brother, he was early called upon to manage the home farm. In the fall of 1856, he moved to Iowa City, where he remained eight years, and then moved thirty miles further south, remaining six years, at the end of which time he located in Columbus City, where as a stock raiser he has taken many prizes. He is an

elder in the United Presbyterian Church. All of his daughters are graduates from the Normal Department of the State University of Iowa. He married, Oct. 29, 1840, Letitia Smiley.

Children, all born in Sterling, N. Y.:

i. FRANCES ALMIRA,[8] b. Oct. 4, 1841; d. 1883; m. in 1861, J. Stanley McFarland.

ii. MARIETTE S., b. June 28, 1843; m. Feb. 7, 1872, Cornelius Austin, a farmer, of Mendon, Ill., where they have since resided. Three children: 1. *Carrie Letitia.*[9] 2. *Harry Clinton*, d. 1882. 3. *Clarence B.*

iii. ALICE ORPHA, b. May 17, 1846; living in Colorado City, Col.; m. in 1871, Samuel E. Thomas.

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WILLIAM HENRY[7] BENT (*David J.*,[6] *Rufus*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Bangor, Me., Dec. 15, 1812; living in Denver, Col. In his youth he went to Philadelphia, Pa., with his father, and was for many years in a large dry goods store; went West in 1856, and lived in Louisiana, Pike County, Mo., until 1871, when he removed to Denver, Col. He married, Sept. 26, 1859, Martha A., daughter of Jude Stevens of Louisiana, Mo.

Child, born in Louisiana, Mo.:

i. EDWIN JACKSON,[8] b. July 14, 1862; in 1884 moved to Ouray, a busy mining town in the heart of the mountains of Colorado, where he has been cashier of the Miners and Merchants Bank since 1887; m. Dec. 22, 1888, Anna Atherton, b. in Fort Edward, N. Y., dau. of George H. and Nellie Burrows. One child, *Britta*,[9] b. June 19, 1892.

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EDWIN JACKSON[7] BENT (*David J.*,[6] *Rufus*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Bangor, Me., Oct. 17, 1819; died in St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 3, 1862, æ. 42. When a young man, he located in Philadelphia. About 1850, he moved to St. Louis, Mo., where he was engaged in the wholesale leather business. He married, at Kingston, N. J., May 19, 1846, Margaret Van Dyke Gulick of Princeton, N. J., born in Kingston, Sept. 27, 1821, died in Philadelphia, June 1, 1863.

Children, i. born in Philadelphia, ii. in Kingston, N. J.:

i. MARY KIMBALL,[8] b. Oct. 31, 1849; living, unm., in Harrisburg, Pa.

ii. WARD HASELTINE, b. Oct. 15, 1852; d. in Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 25, 1898; m. at East Boston, Mass., April 10, 1883, Elizabeth Dow Whidden, dau. of Stephen H. Whidden of Boston. She d. in Philadelphia, Nov. 19, 1894. He m. second, Oct. 30, 1897, Sara Cromwell of Bordentown, N. J. No children.

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CYRUS HUBBARD[7] BENT (*David J.*,[6] *Rufus*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), a successful merchant, was born in Bangor, Me., June 24, 1821; died in Louisville, Ky., April 4, 1857, æ. 35. He married, June 27, 1847, Anne Irvine McDowell, daughter of William Adair McDowell (1795–1853) of Louisville, Ky. She was born in Fincastle, Va., Jan. 24, 1827, and died in Louisville in October, 1873, æ. 46. The McDowells, Scotch Presbyterians, were among the F. F. V's. William A., who was a soldier through the war of 1812, moved to Kentucky in 1838, and to Indiana in 1850.

Children, all born in Louisville:

i. MARIA HARVEY,[8] b. June 1, 1850; d. unm. in Danville, Ky., in 1897.

ii. EMELINE HASELTINE, b. June 26, 1852; living in Danville, Ky.; m. in 1873, William Octavius Goodloe, a lawyer. Five children, all educated at Centre College, a Presbyterian school in Danville, Ky., except the youngest, who is a pupil at Hergselt Military Academy: 1. *Bent*,[9] b. 1874; a lawyer in St. Louis, Mo. 2. *Hart*, b. 1875; studying medicine in Louisville, Ky. 3. *Ward*, b. 1878. 4. *Clay*, b. 1879. 5. *William*, b. 1883.

379. iii. WILLIAM MCDOWELL, b. June 1, 1855.

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RUFUS HOWARD[7] BENT (*David J.*,[6] *Rufus*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born near Parkesburg, Pa., Sept. 23, 1850; living in Chining Chow, China. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1878, and studied for the ministry at the Union Theological Seminary, New York, and at Princeton, N. J. He was licensed by the Presbytery of New York, June 6, 1881, and ordained by the Presbytery of Philadelphia, June 1, 1882; preached in Edge Hill, Pa., 1882 to 1884, Cedarville, N. J., 1884–89; chaplain of Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia, 1890 to 1892; missionary to China 1892. He married, April 2, 1896, at Chefoo, China, Sarah A. Poindexter, M.D., a missionary from America.

Child, born in China:

i. FRANCES,[8] b. 1898.

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BERIAH[7] BENT (*Micah*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Annapolis, N. S., Feb. 11, 1788; a sea captain, having his home in New Albany, Annapolis County, N. S.; sailed Nov. 1, 1820, and was never heard from again. He married,

Feb. 1, 1808, Lovefry Parker (1790–1836), daughter of Major Nathaniel and Salome (Whitman) Parker of Annapolis County, N. S. She married second, 1828, Simeon Freeman.

Children, all born in New Albany, N. S.:

i. HARRIET,[8] b. Dec. 29, 1809; d. May 6, 1847; m. Feb. 13, 1827, William Starratt (1803–1885).
ii. CHARLOTTE, b. Dec. 22, 1811; d. June 29, 1822.
iii. MARY ELIZA, b. May 24, 1814; d. Aug. 3, 1855; m. Nov. 26, 1833, Allen Tupper Freeman (1808–1859) of Milton, N. S.
iv. WILLIAM BERIAH, b. 1816; d. unm.
v. ABIGAIL SALOME, b. 1816; m. William Starratt.

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ASAPH[7] BENT (*David*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Nova Scotia, Aug. 25, 1788. He married Sarah, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Larlie) Fales, and widow of Lot Phinney.

Children:

i. DAVID,[8] m. Susan Stronach.
ii. SUSAN, m. George Stronach.
iii. RUTH, m. Hoyt Foster.

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ISAAC[7] BENT (*David*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Nova Scotia, Oct. 13, 1791. He married, 1819, Miriam Young.

Children:

i. LOUISA JANE,[8] b. 1816; d. unm.
ii. ABIGAIL, b. 1818; m. first, ——— Wood, and second, James Lettenney.
iii. MIRIAM REBECCA, b. 1820; d. 1822.

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RUFUS[7] BENT (*David*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Granville?, N. S., July 5, 1793; died in Nova Scotia, Nov. 19, 1854, æ. 61. He married, Dec. 29, 1818, Ann, daughter of George Starratt.

Children:

i. SARAH ANN,[8] b. Jan. 1, 1820; d. Aug. 7, 1867; m. Jan. 18, 1752, James More.
380. ii. GEORGE STARRATT, b. Nov. 1, 1822.
381. iii. DAVID PARKER, b. Sept. 23, 1824.
iv. ZENAS EDWIN, b. June 28, 1827; d. Dec. 14, 1835.
v. ELIZABETH CAROLINE, b. May 7, 1829; d. Nov. 14, 1878; m. Oct. 20, 1858, Simeon Freeman.

vi. MARY AMELIA, b. Oct. 12, 1833; living in Belleisle, N. S.
vii. EDWIN.
viii. CAROLINE.

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DAVID[7] BENT (*David*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Granville, N. S., May 17, 1798; died in Paradise, Annapolis County, N. S., April 17, 1876, æ. nearly 78. He married his cousin, Elizabeth Ann, born 1811, died March 18, 1877, daughter of Silas[6] Bent.

Children:

i. CAROLINE ADELIA,[8] b. Jan. 17, 1835; d. Oct. 17, 1876; m. January, 1865, Eli Boehner of Paradise, N. S., who d. May 14, 1875. Five children, only two living: 1. *Sarah Elizabeth*,[9] living at Martin's River, N. S.; m. Dec. 28, 1892, Zenas Eisenhauer. 2. *Eugene Heartz*, living in Massachusetts.
ii. MARY ELIZABETH, b. June 25, 1837; living, unm., in Somerset, N. S.
iii. DAVID EDWIN, b. Dec. 27, 1842; d. unm. May 28, 1874.

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WILLIAM LOVETT[7] BENT (*William*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), physician, was born in Nova Scotia, 1798. He married, in 1826, Euphemia E., born 1797, daughter of Capt. Richard Longmuir of St. John, N. B.

Children:

i. WILLIAM LOVETT,[8] b. 1827; d. 1829.
ii. MARY CATHERINE, b. 1829; living in Digby, N. S.; m. 1857, Capt. George Jones, who d. of yellow fever at Rio Janeiro, Brazil. Six children: 1. *Laura*.[9] 2. *Beverly*. 3. *Minnie*. 4. *Gordon*. 5. *Henrietta*. 6. *Jessie*.
382. iii. EDWIN, b. 1830.
iv. JANE HAMILTON, b. 1831; living in Waltham, Mass.; m. 1850, Edward Dakin,* a sea captain, who d. about 1864 at Berbice, British Guiana, of yellow fever. Three children: 1. *E. Arthur*,[9] M.D. in Boston, Mass. 2. Daughter, m. E. B. Woodrow. 3. *Archibald*, a druggist in Brockton, Mass., and historian of the Dakin family.
v. FRANCES E., b. 1833; d. unm. 1886.
vi. JOHN KERR, b. 1835; d. unm. 1890; was a druggist in Halifax, N. S.
vii. EUPHEMIA, b. 1836; living, unm., in Digby, N. S.
viii. WILLIAM H., b. 1838; living, unm., in Argyle, N. S. Graduated from Harvard Medical School in 1869.
ix. MARIA LOUISA, b. 1840; d. 1886; m. George F. Stone.
x. CHARLES SYMONDS, b. about 1844; d. unm. 1885.

* Descendant of John Dakin of Concord, Mass., 1635.

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PHINEAS LOVETT[7] BENT (*William*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Nova Scotia, in 1817. He married Maria C. Boehner.

Children:

i. STEPHEN.[8]
ii. WILLIAM, m. Sarah Starratt; living in Chelsea.
iii. ELLEN, m. Leander Gilnought.
383. iv. THOMAS D., b. Oct. 13, 1842.
v. GEORGE.
vi. ADA, m. John Carroll.
vii. LAVINIA, m. Caleb S. Phinney.
viii. SOPHIA, m. John Charleton.
ix. EDWARD.

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SAMUEL STILLMAN[7] BENT (*William*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Wilmot, N. S., in 1810, and died in Boston, Mass., Sept. 4, 1868, æ. 58. He married Hannah S. Morse, born in Fredericton, N. B., died in Boston, May 21, 1888, æ. 64 years, 3 months and 6 days.

Children:

i. SAMUEL M.,[8] b. 1841; d. in Boston, Nov. 26, 1858.
ii. Daughter, m. John Bath Reed.
iii. LIZZIE D., b. 1862; d. in Boston, Dec. 31, 1875.
iv. MARY, m. John Hillis.
And others, who d. young.

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WARREN[7] BENT (*Joseph*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in 1793 in the Annapolis Valley, N. S., where he died in 1873. He married, in 1816, Frances Schafner.

Children:

384. i. WILLIAM HENRY,[8] b. 1817.
ii. MARY E., b. 1819; d. 1833.
iii. JOHN WESLEY, b. 1822; d. young.
385. iv. GILBERT RAY, b. Jan. 22, 1825.
386. v. ISRAEL, b. 1827.
vi. BARBARA ANN, b. 1830; living in California; m. William A. Boole.
vii. CAROLINE SARAH, b. 1832; m. Capt. Jacob Bent of Granville Ferry, N. S.
viii. JOSEPH FLETCHER, b. 1834.
ix. MARY ELIZA, b. 1837; m. Edgar Reynolds.
387. x. WARREN EDGAR, b. 1841.

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ISRAEL LONGLEY[7] BENT (*Joseph*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Granville, Annapolis County, N. S., Feb. 2, 1799; died in Granville, N. S., Dec. 25, 1854, æ. 55. He married first, in 1822, Hannah Stoneth Bath, born 1805, died Oct. 29, 1847. He married second, in 1848, Susan Foster.

Children of Israel L. and Hannah, all born in Granville, N. S.:

i. ELIZABETH ANN,[8] b. April 2, 1824; d. 1868; m. Nov. 28, 1844, Archibald Marsden Foster. Only one, *Annie*,[9] of their four children lived to grow up, and she m. in 1873, Charles H. Davison.

ii. SUSAN AMELIA, b. Sept. 16, 1827; m. Dec. 29, 1847, John Bath Troop. Five children: 1. *Howard H.*[9] 2. *Margaret Parker*. 3. *Anne Bent*. 4. *Lizzie W.* 5. *Archie Foster*.

388. iii. JOHN FLETCHER, b. Sept. 30, 1829.

iv. MARGARET, b. Aug. 11, 1831; d. March 7, 1853.

v. MARY ELIZA, b. June 27, 1833; d. unm. Sept. 24, 1866.

vi. JOSEPH, b. Sept. 27, 1835; m. 1859, Lavinia De Wolf.

vii. PHEBE M., b. April 16, 1838; d. Oct. 4, 1853.

389. viii. JACOB VALENTINE, b. Oct. 10, 1840.

ix. HANNAH, b. June 9, 1842; d. unm. Sept. 27, 1870.

x. MINETTA, b. April 15, 1844; m. in 1865, Eugene P. Troop. Six children: 1. *Hugh A.*[9] 2. *Frank J.* 3. *Herbert E.* 4. *Stewart L.* 5. *Bessie M.* 6. *Ganie L.*

Child of Israel L. and Susan, born in Granville, N. S.:

390. i. ISRAEL ARCHIBALD,[8] b. Oct. 2, 1849.

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JOSEPH FLETCHER[7] BENT (*Joseph*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), Methodist clergyman, was born in Granville, N. S., April 26, 1806; died in Tupperville, a village of Annapolis, N. S., March 19, 1893, æ. nearly 87. He preached in in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland for sixty-four years. He married, Nov. 5, 1833, Sarah Berry, born in St. Andrews, N. B., June 3, 1807, died in Tupperville, N. S., March 26, 1874, æ. 66.

Children, i. and ii. born in St. Andrews, N. B., iii. and iv. born in St. David's, N. B., v. and vi. born in Aylesford, N. S., vii. born in Sheffield, N. B., viii. born in Woodstock, N. B.:

i. SARAH ANN,[8] b. Aug. 26, 1835; m. Feb. 5, 1868, William F. S. Wilson, born in Studholm, N. B., Sept. 1, 1825, d. in Reading, Mass., April, 1893. Five children, all born in Springfield, N. B.: 1. *Alice Amelia*,[9] b. Dec. 5, 1868. 2. *William Frederick*, b. Dec. 28, 1869. 3. *Elizabeth*, b. March 29, 1871. 4. *Mary Bent*, b. May 23, 1872. 5. *Ella Grace*, b. Oct. 25, 1875; d. 1876.

ii. GEORGE FLETCHER, b. May 19, 1837; enlisted from Milton, June 15, 1861, in the 7th Mass. Infantry, and d. in Washington, D. C., March 9, 1862.

391. iii. JOSEPH BENSON, b. Nov. 25, 1838.

iv. GILBERT RAY.

v. MINNIE RAY, b. May 21, 1842; d. in Tupperville, N. S., May 15, 1893.

vi. MARY EMMA, b. June 3, 1844.

vii. JOHN WESLEY, b. 1846; d. 1847.

viii. SUSAN BERRY, b. July 27, 1848; living in Tupperville, N. S.; m. Dec. 27, 1875, Elias Henniger Tupper. Six children, all b. in Tupperville, N. S.: 1. *Grace*,[9] b. 1876; d. 1887. 2. *Louise Caroline Alberta*, b. Dec. 13, 1878. 3. *Thornton Ray*, b. Feb. 20, 1881. 4. *Charles Armand*, b. March 27, 1883. 5. *Francis Clifford*, b. Sept. 30, 1891. 6. *Mary Marguerite*, b. 1894; d. 1895.

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WILLIAM[7] BENT (*Joseph*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), blacksmith, was born in Annapolis County, N. S., Oct. 5, 1809. He married first, Maria M. Troop, and second, Charlotte Hardwick.

Children of William and Maria:

i. ANNA MARIA,[8] d. unm.

392. ii. WILLIAM BENNETT.

Children of William and Charlotte:

i. MARY JANE,[8] m. Major Durland.

ii. HARRIET LOUISA, m. John Smith.

iii. CHARLOTTE AMELIA, m. Ansel Holdworth.

iv. JOHN, d. unm.

v. EUPHEMIA E., d. unm.

vi. EMMA OLIVIA.

vii. CHARLES WESLEY, m. Ella Johns, and had: 1. *Edmund*. 2. *Lizzie*. 3. *Margaret*.

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GILBERT[7] BENT (*Joseph*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Annapolis County, N. S., April 10, 1813; living in Hampton, twenty-two miles from St. John, N. B. After a short business career in Bridgetown, N. S., he moved, early in 1843, to St. John, N. B., and in 1845 embarked in the wholesale grocery business, in which he has been very successful; has made many trading voyages to the West Indies. He married first, Mary Eliza Bath, who died Dec. 12, 1878. He married second, Matilda Breeze.

Children:

i. ANNIE M.,[8] b. Aug. 5, 1839; m. Samuel E. Dawson, Queen's Printer, Ottawa, a native of Halifax.
ii. J. BATH, d. young.
iii. ELIZABETH A., b. May 4, 1844; living unm.
iv. AMELIA RAY, b. April 28, 1849; lives in St. John summers, in Boston winters; m. Hon. Acalus L. Palmer of St. John, N. B., who has been a member of the Canadian House of Commons and a Judge of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick.
v. MARY, d. young.
vi. GILBERT OSCAR, b. July 24, 1854; living unm. in St. John, N. B.; in business with his father.
vii. FRANK GORDON, b. July 14, 1857; living unm. in St. John; in business with his father.

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JAMES SPRAGUE[7] BENT (*Stephen*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), blacksmith, was born in Annapolis Valley, N. S., Jan. 24, 1806; died in East Boston, Mass., March 25, 1895, æ. 89; moved from his old home in Nova Scotia to Lynnfield, Mass., in 1848. Six years later he removed to East Boston, where the rest of his days were spent. He married first, Oct. 8, 1829, Lucinda Morse, who died Oct. 28, 1837. He married second, June 26, 1838, Margaret Boole, who died in East Boston, March 18, 1895, æ. 78 years and 4 months.

Children of James S. and Lucinda, all born in Nova Scotia:

i. DAVID MORSE,[8] b. July, 1829; d. Sept. 15, 1850.
ii. STEPHEN EDWARD, b. Feb. 18, 1832; living in Lynnfield, Mass.; m. Sarah Campbell of Cape Breton; no children.
iii. SAMANTHA ADELAIDE, b. July 5, 1834; d. June 16, 1860; m. Henry Aborn of Lynnfield.
iv. LUCINDA CAROLINE, b. Feb. 17, 1836; d. unm. in Lynnfield, Aug. 6, 1879, æ. 43.

Children of James S. and Margaret, i. to v. born in Nova Scotia, vi. to viii. in Lynnfield, Mass., ix. in East Boston, Mass.:

i. ELIZABETH AMY,[8] b. July 4, 1839; m. John O. Atwood of East Boston; no children.
393. ii. JAMES HENNIGER, b. Oct. 2, 1840.
iii. MARGARET ANN, b. July 7, 1842; living in Flagstaff, Ari.; m. Capt. Henry Cameron of Maine. One son, *Burton*[9] *Cameron*.
iv. WILLIAM MELBOURNE, b. Aug. 22, 1844; d. in Chicago, Ill., Jan. 28, 1891; m. Mrs. Mary E. Boole.
v. HARRIET JERUSHA, b. Feb. 18, 1847; m. Major Flavel Shurtleff of East Boston. One son, *Flavel*, a student in Harvard College.

vi. GEORGE BOOLE, b. July 24, 1849; living in Austin, Ill. Five children.
vii. ALFRED, b. Sept. 3, 1851; d. in infancy.
viii. CHARLES THOMAS AUGUSTUS, b. Oct. 2, 1853; m. Jessie Doane Smith of Harwich, Mass.; no children.
ix. IDA JOSEPHINE, b. Dec. 20, 1857; living in North Carolina; m. James H. Esteb of Indiana.

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STEPHEN EDWARD[7] BENT (*Stephen*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Annapolis Valley, N. S., Jan. 30, 1823; died where he was born, May, 1891, æ. 68. He inherited his father's farm and always lived there; the place is known as Bentville (P. O. Tupperville) and is about nine miles from Annapolis. He married first, Jane Willett. He married second, Mary Elizabeth Parker. He married third, Mrs. Emma (Bacon) Bent, widow of John Bent; no children by the last marriage.

Children of S. Edward and Jane:

i. HERBERT WILLETT,[8] living in Granville, N. S.
ii. WILLIAM EDWARD, d. in infancy.

Children of S. Edward and Mary Elizabeth:

i. HOWARD,[8] living in Annapolis, N. S.
ii. JENNIE ELIZABETH, m. Rev. Mr. McNish, and lives in New Brunswick.
iii. ALBERT E., living in Roslindale, Boston, Mass.
iv. JOHN STEPHEN, living in Annapolis, N. S.
v. RUPERT.

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ELIAKIM[7] BENT (*Asaph*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born at Bentville in Annapolis Valley, N. S., in 1808; died in Lawrencetown, N. S., Feb. 21, 1847. He married, in 1843, Naomi G. Brown of Mount Hanly, N. S., born April 11, 1823; she married second, N. G. Potter, and died in East Boston, Mass.

Children, both born in Lawrencetown, N. S.:

i. EDWARD E.,[8] b. Oct. 31, 1843; living at Bentville, N. S.; m. June 20, 1872, Annie C. Simpson. Two children: 1. *Mabel E.*,[9] b. March 23, 1874. 2. *Winnifred R.*, b. Nov. 6, 1882.
ii. LOIS E., b. Oct. 30, 1845; m. Edward A. Leavitt of Sandwich, Ill.; no children.

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BUSBY[7] BENT (*Asaph*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in 1833, in Annapolis Valley, N. S., where he still resides. He married Susan Morse Miller.

Children:

i. MARY ALICE.[8]
ii. EDWIN BUSBY.
iii. ANNA CECILIA.
iv. LEANDER RUPERT.

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RALPH[7] BENT (*Asaph*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in 1836 in Annapolis Valley, N. S.; still living there, near Tupperville. He married, Nov. 19, 1861, Sarah A., born May 10, 1842, daughter of Ebenezer Rice.

Children:

i. CHARLES RICE,[8] b. Feb. 11, 1863; m. Jeanette Calder.
ii. ELLA L., b. July 16, 1864; living unm.
iii. ANNA A., b. Sept. 22, 1865; d. July 31, 1881.
iv. EDITH F., b. Oct. 19, 1868; d. Aug. 25, 1881.
v. SARAH A., b. Oct. 6, 1870; living unm.
vi. FLORENCE A., b. July 2, 1872.
vii. RALPH S., b. Dec. 5, 1873.
viii. BLANCHE B., b. and d. 1877.
ix. KATE B., b. Aug. 28, 1878.
x. FRED V. D., b. July 16, 1879.
xi. REGINALD WHITMAN, b. Aug. 15, 1882.
xii. CLARA B.

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ABRAHAM NEWCOMB[7] BENT (*Silas*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), blacksmith and farmer, was born in Paradise, N. S., moved to Somerset, King's County, N. S., and died October, 1885; buried in Grafton, N. S. He married Hannah Foster of Nictaux Falls, N. S., who died May 7, 1880. She was a daughter of Joseph Foster.

Children:

i. HARRIET ANN,[8] b. Nov. 6, 1827; living in Somerset, N. S.; m. Jan. 29, 1849, James Augustin Bryden, who d. March 13, 1879. Seven children: 1. *Eliza Macintosh*,[9] b. Oct. 28, 1849; m. Isaac Morton. 2. *Anna Bell*, b. Oct. 16, 1853; living at Jordan River, N. S.; m. first, Nov. 29, 1876, Major Rhodes, who d. April, 1884; m. second, Ingham B. Turner. 3. *Elvira Manetta*, b. May 21, 1857; m. Jan. 29, 1878, Ephraim T. Withers. 4. *Albert Newcomb*, b. 1859; d. 1868. 5. *Arthur Knight*, b. 1862; d. 1862. 6. *James Narroway*, b. Aug. 19, 1865; living in Weston, N. S.; m. December, 1887, Augusta Franklin. 7. *John Reed*, b. June 30, 1868; living in British Columbia.
ii. BELINA, b. June 28, 1829; d. Feb. 6, 1848.

iii. ELVIRA, b. June 12, 1832; d. 1887; m. first, Samson Patterson of Somerset, N. S., who d. about 1860; m. second, Thomson Foster of Illinois; m. third, about 1875, James A. Morton; no children.

iv. CORNELIA, b. Nov. 8, 1836; d. about 1870; m. John Murdoch of Bridgetown, N. S. Five children, three of whom d. young: 1. *Mary Alvinia*[9]. 2. *Cora Elvira.*

v. ALBERT, April 22, 1840; d. Feb. 11, 1848.

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JAMES[7] BENT (*Silas*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), blacksmith, was born in Paradise, Annapolis County, N. S.; died in Nictaux Falls, N. S., 1869, æ. 64. He married Amoret Martin, who died æ. 89.

Children:

i. PAMELIA,[8] b. about 1829; living in Upper Lahave, Lunenburg Co., N. S.; m. Henry Klinkworth; no issue.

ii. DAVID ALBERT, trader; d. Hantsport, N. S., æ. 62; m. Ruth Lockhart; no children.

394. iii. RUPERT GEORGE, b. 1836.

iv. AUGUSTA S., d. unm.

v. JAMES EDWARD, b. about 1840; blacksmith; living unm. in Nictaux Falls, N. S.

395. vi. HORATIO NELSON.

vii. MARY M.; living unm. in Marblehead, Mass.

viii. WILLIAM S., d. unm.

ix. ELLA E., m. Edwin Bartaux, of Nictaux Falls, N. S.

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DENNIS[7] BENT (*Silas*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), blacksmith, was born in Paradise, Annapolis County, N. S., Nov. 4, 1813; moved, 1849–1850, to Newburyport, Mass., where he died July 16, 1887, æ. 73. He married, in 1834, Amy Beals, daughter of Joshua and Rebecca (Taylor) Beals.

Children, i. to v. born in Nictaux, N. S., vi. born in Newburyport, Mass.:

i. AMANDA,[8] b. Aug. 4, 1835; living in Newburyport, Mass.; m. first, in 1851, Hiram Turple, who was accidentally killed in a shipyard, Oct. 26, 1853; m. second, Feb. 1, 1857, Stephen H. Guptill. Two children by the latter: 1. *Dennis D.*[9] *Guptill*, b. Aug. 23, 1861. 2. *George W. Guptill*, b. Oct. 31, 1866.

ii. S. LAVINIA, b. Sept. 3, 1839; living in Lynn, Mass.; m. July 23, 1854, Amos C. Merrill. One child, *Ida Merrill.*

396. iii. WILLIAM HENRY, b. Dec. 6, 1841.

iv. CATHERINE REBECCA, b. April 21, 1843; living unm. in Washington, D. C.

v. MARY ELLIS, b. Oct. 28, 1846; living in Denver, Colo.; m. March 3, 1865, Moody Page. Three children: 1. *Gertrude E.*[9] *Page*, b. Sept. 23, 1866. 2. *William Moody Page*, b. Sept. 2, 1868. 3. *Charlotte M. Page*, b. Jan. 15, 1872.

vi. HIRAM KERCHEVER, b. Oct. 29, 1854; living in Lowell, Mass.; m. Oct. 29, 1885, at Newbury Oldtown, Helen Maria Little. Three children: 1. *George Edward*[9] *Bent*, b. Nov. 27, 1886. 2. *Willard Little Bent*, b. Feb. 17, 1888. 3. *Ethel Mary Bent*, b. March 26, 1891.

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JAMES MADISON[7] BENT (*William*,[6] *William*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*,[1]) was born in East Sudbury (now Wayland), May 19, 1812; died in Wayland, July 24, 1888, æ. 76. With his elder brother William he was engaged for many years in the manufacture of shoes at Cochituate Village, in the south part of Wayland, the firm being styled W. & J. M. Bent. In 1857 he was in the State legislature. He married Martha F. Damon, born July 22, 1817; died Jan. 24, 1886; daughter of Charles and Lydia Damon.

Children, all born in Wayland:

i. ANNA MARIA,[8] b. 1839; m. April 17, 1860, William Lovejoy of Wayland.

397. ii. WILLIAM HARRISON, b. 1840.

398. iii. JAMES ALVIN, b. 1843.

iv. THOMAS D., b. Nov. 14, 1844; living in Cochituate, Mass.

v. ABBY BRUCE, b. June 25, 1847; living in Cochituate, Mass.; m. May 22, 1868, George W. Fairbank.

399. vi. MYRON W., b. Sept. 19, 1849.

400. vii. RALPH, b. Nov. 6, 1854.

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ARCHIBALD[7] BENT (*Micah*,[6] *William*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Framingham, Mass., Dec. 4, 1809; died in Framingham, Jan. 18, 1890, æ. 80. He married, Feb. 5, 1835, Fanny Hudson, born Nov. 4, 1810; died Dec. 14, 1887; daughter of Nathan.

Children, all born in Framingham:

i. SILAS HUNT,[8] b. Dec. 15, 1836; d. Natick, Sept. 5, 1897; m. November, 1860, Margaret A. Littlefield of Natick, where she still resides; no children.

401. ii. GEORGE OBERLIN, b. Nov. 3, 1842.

iii. ANNA MARIA, b. Dec. 4, 1845; m. April 11, 1869, George Forbush of Framingham, where she still lives; no children.

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HIRAM[7] BENT (*Micah*,[6] *William*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Watertown, Mass., Oct. 7, 1812; died in Har-

rison, Westchester County, N. Y., in 1891. He studied medicine at Philadelphia and practised in Maryland, Pennsylvania and New York. He married first, Emeline Knowlton of Warwick, Mass., who died about 1842; was married twice afterwards. By his first wife he had one child, Mortimer F.,[8] who died æ. about two years. No issue by the others.

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ROSWELL[7] BENT (*Micah*,[6] *William*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Framingham, Mass., July 28, 1819; living in North Bellingham, Mass. He married first, April 6, 1842, Tryphenia Adams, who died June 20, 1858. He married second, 1859, Ann Grism, born Sept. 26, 1823, still living.

Children of Roswell and Tryphenia, all born in Bellingham:

i. AMOS ROSWELL,[8] b. Aug. 31, 1843; living in the Soldier's Home, Wis.; m. December, 1866, Mary Thomas; no children; saw service in the 16th Mass. Infantry from July 12, 1861 to Sept. 27, 1862.

ii. EDWARD MICAH, b. July 1, 1846; enlisted Nov. 7, 1864, in Co. F., 61st Reg., Mass. Infantry, and d. at Washington, D. C., July 2, 1865.

iii. WALDO ADAMS, b. Jan. 16, 1849; left Massachusetts in 1864, and has not been heard from since.

Children of Roswell and Ann, all born in Bellingham:

i. ERNEST,[8] b. Dec. 24, 1860; a dentist, formerly of Grafton, now of Braintree, Mass.; m. Sept. 28, 1892, Henrietta F. Capwell of Providence, R. I. One child, *Florence A.*,[9] b. Aug. 3, 1893.

ii. GEORGE SUMNER, b. Sept. 4, 1862; m. Dec. 7, 1887, Avis Jacobs, b. Franklin, Mass., Jan. 25, 1861, and lives in Medway, where he has a store, gentlemen's furnishings and boots and shoes; no children.

iii. OTIS CHASE, b. June 2, 1864; living in North Brookfield, Mass.; m. Sept. 25, 1891, Jessie, dau. of John C. Morrill of Natick. One child, *Edith Marie*, b. Dec. 14, 1896.

iv. EDWIN, b. 1867; d. æ. 6 mos.

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MELLEN GREEN[7] BENT (*Micah*,[6] *William*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Milford, Mass., Aug. 3, 1828. He married Louisa Huntoon, who married second, L. A. Paige, and is living in Goffstown, N. H.

Children, i. born in Webster, Mass., ii. and iii. in Valley Falls, R. I.:

402. i. HERBERT ALPHONSO,[8] b. Jan. 22, 1855.

403. ii. LAWSON GREEN, b. Sept. 19, 1857.

iii. MARY FRANCES, b. May 5, 1859; living in Milford, Mass.

Brought up in Dover, N. H., where she m. Sept. 19, 1881, George A. Reynolds, b. in Durham, N. H., Sept. 19, 1849. Three children: 1. *Sumner C.*,[9] b. Nov. 12, 1882. 2. *Beatrice A.*, b. June 14, 1884. 3. *Charles A.*, b. April 18, 1890.

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FERDINAND AUGUSTUS[7] BENT (*Micah*,[6] *William*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Bellingham, Mass., July 24, 1836, and is living in Effingham, N. H. He enlisted from Mendon, Mass., June 10, 1862, in 8th Mass. Battery, Lt. Artillery. He married Jane ———, a native of New Brunswick.

Children:

i. SOPHIA,[8] d. in Worcester, Mass., March 18, 1869, æ. 9.
And others.

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JASON[7] BENT (*Jason*,[6] *William*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), shoemaker, was born in East Sudbury (now Wayland), Mass., Feb. 21, 1827, and died in Framingham, Mass., in 1863, æ. 36. He married, Nov. 13, 1855, Alice A. Crosby of Holliston, Mass., a native of Derby, Vt., now living in New York City.

Children, iii. born in Natick, Mass.:

i. JESSIE MARR,[8] living in New York City; m. first, Charles Frazer; m. second, John C. Dewey. One child by first marriage, *Allan Bent*[9] *Frazer*.
ii. JULIA MAUD, living in New York City; m. Joseph Thompson. One child, *Don Cameron Thompson*.
iii. JASON, b. May 23, 1863; living unm. in New York City.

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PETER[7] BENT (*Peter*,[6] *David*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Mount Holly, Vt., May 29, 1800, and died in Copenhagen, N. Y., March 25, 1868, æ. 67; previous to his residence in the latter place he had lived in Denmark, N. Y. He married, Jan. 21, 1821, Sally M. White, born in Vernon, N. Y., May 28, 1803; died in Copenhagen, N. Y., Oct. 1, 1882, æ. 79.

Children, all born in Denmark, N. Y.:

i. DARIUS GREEN,[8] b. Aug. 9, 1831; d. June 25, 1854, in Denmark, N. Y. He m. Sept. 2, 1852, Susan Penniman; no children.
404. ii. PETER, b. July 17, 1836; m. Nancy M. Cottrell.
iii. HENRIETTA, b. Aug. 6, 1838; m. Sept. 29, 1857, W. D. G. Cottrell of Denmark, N. Y.; living in Clarence, Iowa, where he is engaged in the banking business. One child, *Myron Bent*[9] *Cottrell*, b. Feb. 25, 1861.

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ABEL DIRGY[7] BENT (*Peter*,[6] *David*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Denmark, N. Y., July 1, 1802, and died Feb. 17, 1878, æ. 75. He married Sally Bedell of Denmark, N. Y., who died Sept. 10, 1861.

Children, all born in Denmark, N. Y.:

i. DEBORAH,[8] m. Rufus Waite of Champion, N. Y.
ii. LOVINA, living in Fondulac, Wis.; m. Colman Wedge.
iii. HANNAH, m. Benjamin Hartwell of Denmark, N. Y.
iv. FRANCES, b. April 30, 1838; living in California; m. Sept. 4, 1864, Charles Horr.

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MAJOR EVANS[7] BENT (*Peter*,[6] *David*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Denmark, N. Y., May 23, 1810, and died in Morrison, Ill., Sept. 3, 1885, æ. 75. He lived in Lewis County, N. Y., until 1864, when he moved to Carroll County, Ill. Shortly afterward he engaged in agricultural pursuits in Whiteside County, but his health becoming poor he sold his farm and in 1882 removed to Morrison. He married, June 16, 1831, Harriet Waldo of Champion, N. Y., who died at her son's home in Osborne County, Kansas, Oct. 21, 1889.

Children, all born in Lewis County, N. Y.:

i. THERESA,[8] b. 1833; d. Jan. 12, 1851.
ii. SOPHIA, b. 1836; living in Lewis Co., N. Y.; m. February, 1861, Ephraim Richards.
405. iii. WARREN G., b. June 26, 1839.
iv. SARAH, b. Jan. 23, 1844; living in Marshalltown, Iowa; m. 1866, Byron Taylor.
406. v. Z. MAJOR, b. March 29, 1850.
vi. IDA, b. April, 1853; m. in 1874, William Mills.

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LEMUEL MASON[7] BENT (*Peter*,[6] *David*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Denmark, N. Y., Oct. 7, 1816, and is living in Morrison, Ill. He remained at home until September, 1838, when he started on a tour of observation, remaining in Bureau County, Ill., a year, after which he returned to Denmark (N. Y.), where he remained, farming, until the spring of 1858, when he moved to Milledgeville, Carroll County, Ill. The following fall he pushed on to Union Grove, Whiteside County, Ill., and bought a farm. In 1881 he retired from active work and located in Morrison, Ill., where he has since resided. He has been much interested in the history of the Bent family and has rendered valuable assistance.

He married first, Dec. 25, 1839, Betsey, daughter of Jonathan and Betsey Parks of Champion, N. Y., where she was born Sept. 16, 1819. She died Dec. 27, 1892, after a happy married life of fifty-three years. He married second, Oct. 9, 1894, Mrs. Lurissa A. Colon.

Children, both born in Denmark, N. Y.:

i. ORRIN M.,[8] b. Aug. 26, 1842; engaged in farming at Union Grove, Ill., until 1891, when he retired and moved to Morrison, Ill.; m. Mary F. Twining of Union Grove, Ill., b. in Champion, N. Y., Oct. 10, 1849, dau. of William and Melinda. One child, *Lottie F.*,[9] b. Dec. 6, 1866; m. Feb. 2, 1887, Richard Z. Tilton of Clyde, Ill.

ii. ADELAIDE L., b. Aug. 26, 1846; living in Morrison, Ill.; m. Sept. 27, 1866, Samuel R. Hall of Union Grove, Ill.

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MILO GREEN[7] BENT (*Peter*,[6] *David*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Denmark, N. Y., March 13, 1822, and died March 24, 1852. He married, March 10, 1844, Maria Parks of Champion, N. Y., who died Aug. 5, 1870, æ. 47.

Children, both born in Denmark, N. Y.:

i. LAURETTA ELNORA,[8] b. Nov. 3, 1845; d. May 2, 1876; m. Aug. 3, 1869, William H. Beach of Lynn, Ontario, Canada. Four children: 1. *Enos*[9]. 2. *Milo*. 3. *Walter*. 4. *Fred*.

ii. ALFARETTA MALVINA, b. May 15, 1848; living in St. Paul, Minn.; m. March 8, 1870, William O. Williams of Pierrepont Manor, Jefferson Co., N. Y. Two children, both educated for the medical profession.

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DALMANUTHA[7]* BENT (*David*,[6] *David*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer and shoemaker, was born in Mt. Holly, Vt., Aug. 5, 1801, and died in Antwerp, N. Y., Jan. 6, 1883, aged 81. He moved from Vermont to northern New York in 1830. He married Betsey Phippen, born in Westminster, Vt., June 3, 1801, died in Antwerp, N. Y., Feb. 8, 1894, aged 92, daughter of Joseph Phippen, a soldier of the Revolution, by his wife Sally Paul.

Children, i. and ii. born in Westminster, Vt., iii. to v. in Mt. Holly, Vt., vi. and vii. in Philadelphia, N. Y., viii. in Denmark, N. Y.:

407. i. CURTIS RINALDO,[8] b. Aug. 23, 1820.

ii. MARTHA JANE, b. May 24, 1822; d. in Cookstown, Wis., April 4, 1851; m. first, March 27, 1839, Nicholas Lathan; m. second, John Curtis. Two children by the first marriage: 1. *Maria*[9] *Lathan*. 2. *Frank B. Lathan*. One by second: 1. *Albion Curtis*.

* Dalmanutha is the name of a town on the west side of the Sea of Galilee.

iii. MARY ELIZA, b. June 29, 1826; m. March 8, 1849, her father's cousin, Alvin F. Bent (*q. v.*).

iv. ERVA ADELINE, b. Dec. 29, 1828; living in Fayette, Iowa; m. in Wisconsin to Alexander Winston. They celebrated their golden wedding, July 1, 1899. Seven children: 1. *E. Lavilla.*[9] 2. *Ella L.* 3. *John W.* 4. *Edward A.* 5. *Flora A.* 6. *Abbie M.* 7. *George Omar.*

v. MATILDA EVELINE, b. May 5, 1830; living in Antwerp, N. Y.; m. first, Oct. 18, 1852, Andrew Jackson Cross, who d. in Great Bend, Jefferson Co., N. Y., Aug. 9, 1853; no children; m. second, Nov. 29, 1870, George D. McAllaster; one child, *George Ernest*[9] *McAllaster*, b. May 25, 1873, graduated from Albany, N. Y., Law School in June, 1899.

vi. ESTHER CAROLINE, b. Sept. 26, 1834; d. Dec. 30, 1893; m. first, in November, 1859, Thomas Arlow; m. second, Lincoln D. Lynde; no children.

408. vii. HARTWELL FLETCHER (writes his name Hartwell H.), b. May 9, 1837.

viii. LAVILLA MARIA, b. June 25, 1844; d. in Antwerp, N. Y., June 4, 1899; m. in August, 1863, Abram G. Schermerhorn. Two children: 1. *E. Ardelle.*[9] 2. *Maude E.*

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HARTWELL[7] BENT (*David,*[6] *David,*[5] *David,*[4] *David,*[3] *John,*[2] *John*[1]) was born in Mt. Holly, Vt., May 28, 1803, and died in Randolph, N. Y., May 2, 1844, æ. nearly 41. He married, in Shrewsbury, Vt., March 12, 1829, Hannah Aldrich, who was born Shrewsbury, March 25, 1807, and died in Randolph, Aug. 11, 1842, eldest daughter of Abner and Betsey (Sanderson) Aldrich.

Children, i. to iv. born in Mt. Holly, v. and vi. in Randolph:

i. ELIZABETH,[8] b. and d. Feb. 2, 1830.

409. ii. MELVINA, b. May 19, 1831; m. May 29, 1848, James Brooks, M.D.

iii. BETSEY, b. Sept. 29, 1832.

iv. HORACE ALDRICH, b. June 14, 1834; d. May 21, 1862, from injuries received in a railroad accident at Salamanca, N. Y.

v. DIANA HANNAH, b. March 31, 183–; living in Randolph, N. Y.; m. Jan. 29, 1861, George S. Jones. Four children: 1. *Frank H.*[9] *Jones*, b. Sept. 21, 1863; a printer in Washington, D. C.; m. and has two children. 2. *Glenn Jones*, b. Nov. 27, 1865; a bookkeeper in Lafayette, Ind.; m. and has one child. 3. *Anna Jones*, b. June 28, 1868; m. and has one child. 4. *Hartwell Jones*, b. April 20, 1871; living unm. in Dunkirk, N. Y., where he is a druggist's clerk.

vi. HARTWELL, b. 1842; d. 1842.

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BETSEY[7] BENT (*David,*[6] *David,*[5] *David,*[4] *David,*[3] *John,*[2] *John*[1]) was born May 7, 1805, and died in Randolph, N. Y., Oct.

6, 1887, æ. 82; was brought up by her aunt Betsey (Bent) Green in Mt. Holly, Vt. She married, Oct. 6, 1825, Aaron Pingrey, who was born Feb. 11, 1802. They lived in Mt. Holly and Ludlow, Vt., until Dec. 1840, when they moved to Randolph, N. Y., where, with the exception of the years 1842 to 1844, which were spent in Yorkshire, N. Y., they remained to the end of their days.

Children, i. to iv. born in Mt. Holly, v. born in Ludlow, vi. born in Yorkshire, vii. in Randolph:

i. ADALINE ELIZA[8] PINGREY, b. Aug. 21, 1827; m. Jan. 24, 1854, Sidney U. Main, merchant, of Batavia, N. Y., where she lived until her death, Nov. 4, 1891.

ii. MELZAR ROBBINS PINGREY, b. July 20, 1829; farmer; living unm. in Randolph, N. Y.

iii. B. SOPHRONIA PINGREY, b. Nov. 20, 1831; living in Randolph, N. Y.; m. May 1, 1856, Edwin McManus, druggist, of Randolph, N. Y. Two children: 1. *Edwin Pingrey*[9] *McManus*, b. July 26, 1858; d. Dec. 5, 1882. 2. *Cora Belle McManus*, b. Aug. 30, 1861; living unm. with her parents.

iv. MARION AMELIA PINGREY, b. March 16, 1835; d. in Randolph, N. Y., Oct. 14, 1898; m. June 16, 1857, John Crowley Pierce, merchant, of Randolph, N. Y. One child, *Grace Adele*[9] *Pierce*, b. June 7, 1858.

v. MELISSA EUSEBIA PINGREY, b. April 10, 1840; living in Buffalo, N. Y.; m. July 25, 1861, John Emory Rogers, merchant, then of Randolph, N. Y. Three children: 1. *Cary Brownell*[9] *Rogers*, b. June 13, 1863; m. Oct. 19, 1898, Hattie Isabel Freemyer. 2. *Charles Pingrey Rogers*, b. Sept. 25, 1865; m. June 6, 1893, Anna Elizabeth Pfeiffer of Buffalo, N. Y. 3. *Bessie Rogers*, b. Sept. 4, 1872; living unm. with her parents.

vi. LUCY ADELE PINGREY, b. Dec. 1, 1842; living in Randolph, N. Y.; m. Oct. 31, 1878, Capt. Charles Caligan of Buffalo, N. Y.

vii. MARY ROSETTE PINGREY, b. Sept. 29, 1845; living unm. with her brother.

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S. WALKER[7] BENT (*David*,[6] *David*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Mt. Holly(?), Vt., and died in Cavendish, Vt. He married, in Feb. 1845, Minerva Stiles of Westminster, Vt., who was born Nov. 17, 1823, daughter of Gideon and Lydia (Wyman) Stiles.

Children:

410. i. WALKER MARTIN.[8]

ii. CORLISS, d. in infancy.

411. iii. GEORGE CARLOS, b. 1848.

iv. LYDIA MINERVA; living unm.

v. NELLIE; living in Cambridge, Mass.; m. William H. Smith.

412. vi. GIDEON STILES (writes his name Stiles G.).

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CLARK EARL[7] BENT (*Earl F.*,[6] *David*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*[2], *John*[1]) was born in Mt. Holly, Vt., April 21, 1822, and died in East Poultney, Vt., in July, 1896. He married, Jan. 31, 1848, Ann M. Pepper of Pawlet, Vt.

Children:

i. ELLEN J.,[8] b. April 24, 1849; d. Oct. 29, 1882; m. Feb. 28, 1868, Frank H. Marshall.
ii. EVA E., b. 1853; d. 1855.

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HENRY WILLARD[7] BENT (*Earl F.*,[6] *David*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]), tinsmith, was born Feb. 13, 1827, in Mt. Holly, Vt., where he died Dec. 13, 1883, æ. 56. He married, in Dec. 1846, Catalina S. Dean of Granville, N. Y., who is living in Mechanicsville, Vt.

Children:

i. ANNETTE I.,[8] b. 1848; d. 1851.
ii. JULIE E., b. and d. 1850.
iii. CHARLES H., b. Jan. 10, 1852; living in Fort Ann, N. Y.
iv. LEONORA M., b. Dec. 5, 1854; living in Mechanicsville, Vt.; m. Nov. 17, 1883, George Trask.
v. EMELETT, b. 1858; d. 1861.
vi. EARL DANFORTH, b. July 17, 1866; tinsmith; living in Brooklyn, N. Y.; m. in July, 1891.

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SILAS WALKER[7] BENT (*Silas P.*,[6] *David*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Mt. Holly(?), Vt., July 23, 1818, and died in Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 15, 1889. He went from Vermont to New York with his father, and in 1846 located in De Kalb County, Ill., where he lived until 1869, when he followed his son to Nebraska, locating in Lincoln, then a place of only a few hundred inhabitants. He married, in 1844, Lucy P. Overton, of Henderson, N. Y., who died Aug. 12, 1892.

Child, born in Henderson, N. Y.:

413. i. OVERTON WALKER,[8] b. March 29, 1846.

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JOHN JAY[7] BENT (*Silas P.*,[6] *David*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born July 3, 1831, and died April 26, 1884, æ. 52. He married, first, in 1858, Faustina P. Earl, who died Aug. 20, 1860; married, second, Oct. 14, 1863, Harriet P. White, who died June 7, 1893.

Child of John J. and Faustina:

414. i. EARL SILAS,[8] b. Aug. 15, 1860.

Children of John J. and Harriet:

i. FRED JAY, b. Jan. 1, 1865.
ii. CATHERINE MARION, b. March 27, 1871.
iii. CLINTON ARTHUR, b. Jan. 1, 1873.

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ALVIN FINNEY[7] BENT (*Thomas W.*,[6] *David*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer and cheese maker, was born in Watertown, N. Y., Jan. 25, 1819, and died in Antwerp, N. Y., May 16, 1875, æ. 56. Five of his children (all at that time) died within two weeks, it will be noticed. He married, March 8, 1849, at Natural Bridge, N. Y., Mary E. Bent, daughter of his cousin Dalmanutha[7].

Children, all born in Antwerp:

i. LORETTA A.,[8] b. Aug. 9, 1851; d. Nov. 2, 1863.
ii. LUELLA M., b. April 2, 1855; d. Oct. 26, 1863.
iii. E. ARDELLE, b. Dec. 26, 1856; d. Oct. 21, 1863.
iv. GEORGE H., b. Jan. 13, 1859; d. Oct. 24, 1863.
v. CORA, b. Dec. 28, 1862; d. Oct. 19, 1863.
vi. MYRON HAMMOND, b. April 22, 1865; living in Antwerp, N. Y. Educated at Phillips Academy, Exeter, N. H., and Williams College; has been a newspaper man for some years; was legislative correspondent at Albany, N. Y., three winters, and assistant superintendent of documents in Senate; has managed Will Carlton's tours; and for three years has been editor and publisher of the *Antwerp Gazette*.
vii. EFFIE, b. and d. 1870.

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DARIUS GREEN[7] BENT (*Thomas W.*,[6] *David*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Mt. Holly, Vt., Jan. 5, 1821, and is living in Castorland, N. Y. He married, July 13, 1852, at Carthage, N. Y., Mary Elizabeth Snell.

Children, i. born at New Bremen, N. Y., ii. at Indian River, N. Y., iii. at Theresa, N. Y., iv. at Croghan, N. Y.:

i. LUELLA MAY,[8] b. 1854; d. 1855.
ii. SIDNEY EUGENE, b. May 3, 1857.
iii. MAY GERTRUDE, b. June 21, 1861; m. Nov. 30, 1882, William Mauer of Spencerport, N. Y.
iv. CARRIE ARDELLE, b. Feb. 26, 1869.
v. LILLIAN ESTELLE, b. April 3, 1871.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON[7] BENT (*Thomas W.*,[6] *David*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Croghan, N. Y., Feb. 3, 1836, and is living in East Florence, N. Y. He graduated from the Boston University School of Theology in 1874, became a member of the Northern New York Conference of Methodist Episcopal Churches, and was actively engaged in pastoral work for twenty-two years. He married Mrs. Fanny A. (Nutting) Everett of Graniteville, Mass., daughter of J. P. and E. R. Nutting.

Children, i. b. at Vermilion, N. Y., ii. at Natural Bridge, N. Y.:

i. GEORGE EVERETT,[8] b. about 1877.
ii. DAISY SUNSHINE, b. about 1886.

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JOHN BOICE[7] BENT (*George*,[6] *Darius*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Montreal, Canada, Dec. 29, 1847, and is living in Chicago, Ill. He married, Nov. 8, 1869, Catherine Jane Ennis, who was born in Utica, N. Y., Nov. 24, 1846.

Children, all born in Montreal:

i. ALICE MAUD,[8] b. Feb. 14, 1871.
ii. KATE FLORENCE, b. May 24, 1875.
iii. GEORGE WALTER, b. Oct. 31, 1877.

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GEORGE RUSSELL[7] BENT (*Alphonso*,[6] *Thaddeus*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born at Smith's Falls, Canada, Nov. 21, 1840, and died in Chicago, Ill., of pneumonia, May 13, 1895, æ. 54. After he grew to manhood he followed the occupations of painting and railroading until 1882, except when in the army. He was a member of Co. F, 93d Illinois Infantry, in the Civil War. In 1882 he was appointed a letter carrier in Chicago, which business engaged his attention the remainder of his life. He learned his trade as painter in Fulton, Ill., ten miles from the family home, and while residing there married, July 26, 1861, Eunice Eva, born in Lockport, N. Y., Jan. 31, 1844, daughter of John and Sarah A. Dyer.

Children, i., iv. and v. born in Fulton, Ill., ii. in Clinton, Iowa, iii. in Stirling, Ill.:

i. MATTIE DELL,[8] b. Aug. 25, 1862; m. Nov. 29, 1880, at Chicago, Albion H. Hutchings; no children.
415. ii. HORACE EDWARD, b. July 14, 1864.
iii. CHARLES LE ROY, b. 1869; d. 1870.
iv. WILLIAM HENRY, b. May 17, 1872; living in Chicago; m. April 18, 1893, Lillian M. Dyer.
v. JOHN RUSSELL, b. Feb. 18, 1874.

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CHARLES[7] BENT (*Alphonso*,[6] *Thaddeus*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*[2], *John*[1]) was born in Chicago, Ill., Dec. 8, 1844, and is living in Morrison, Whiteside County, Ill., which has been his home since May, 1856. In June, 1858, he was apprenticed to learn the printing trade in the office of *The Whiteside Sentinel*, and after completing his term of service occupied the position of workman in the same office. In June, 1864, he enlisted in the 140th Illinois Vol. Inf'y. and was mustered out by conclusion of term of service Oct. 29, 1864; re-enlisted Feb. 2, 1865, in the 147th Illinois Vol. Inf'y., which was attached to the 1st Brigade, 2d Division, Army of the Cumberland, and was honorably discharged at Savannah, Ga., Jan. 20, 1866; he served respectively as sergeant, 1st sergeant and 2d lieutenant. Returning home, he again engaged in the printing business, and in July, 1867, purchased the office and has since been (except from Feb. 1877 to March, 1879, during which time he was engaged in writing and publishing a history of Whiteside County, Ill.) and is at the present time editor and proprietor of *The Whiteside Sentinel*. In civil life he has held the following positions: Assistant Assessor of Internal Revenue in the 3d collection district of Illinois from Dec. 1870 until the office was abolished in 1873; alderman of the city of Morrison, 1870–'72, 1875–'77; member of the Board of Education, 1877–'84, 1887–'96, and secretary of the Board since 1887. In Nov. 1878 he was elected as a Republican to the State Senate from the 11th District, comprising the counties of Carroll and Whiteside, for the term of four years. In April, 1883, he was appointed by Gov. Hamilton a member of the State Board of Canal Commissioners for the term of two years, and was president of the Board during that time. In Feb. 1889 he was appointed by Gov. Fifer as a commissioner of the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, and held the position until Jan. 12, 1893, when he tendered his resignation upon the inauguration of a Democratic governor. He has also served for several terms as a member of the State Republican Committee from the Congressional district in which he resides. He was a district delegate to the National Encampment G. A. R. at Detroit in 1892, and one of the delegates at large from Illinois to the National Encampment G. A. R. at Pittsburg in 1894.

He married, August 15, 1870, Decima Manington of Morrison, Ill., who was born in West Vienna township, Oneida County, N. Y., July 9, 1844, daughter of Alfred and Sophia Manington of England.

Children, all born in Morrison, Ill.:

i. PAUL ALPHONSO,[8] b. May 28, 1871; foreman in his father's printing establishment; m. June 25, 1895, Laura Quackenbush.

ii. ELIZABETH, b. July 26, 1873; m. Sept. 12, 1895, Robert C. Sattley of Wheaton, Ill., where he is Supt. of Bridges and Buildings of Galena Div. of C. & N. W. R'y.
iii. CHARLES, b. Aug. 2, 1875; local editor of his father's newspaper; m. Nov. 3, 1898, at Momson, Ill., Mabel Benzeville.
iv. RUTH, b. Oct. 26, 1877.
v. HARRY, b. March 13, 1879.
vi. GEORGE MANINGTON, b. June 6, 1890.

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SAMUEL ARTHUR[7] BENT, M.A., LL.B., (*Samuel W.*,[6] *Samuel B.*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Boston, Mass., July 1, 1841, and is living in Brookline, Mass. After graduating from Yale College in 1861 and from the Harvard Law School in 1865, he practised law for a few years in Boston, where he was a member of the School Committee in the years 1868, 1869 and 1870. At the close of the latter year he went to Europe, where he was American editor of the *Swiss Times* in Geneva in 1872 and 1873 (and as such was admitted to the final session of the Court of Arbitration on the Alabama claims) and American editor of *Galignani's Messenger* in Paris in 1874 and 1875. In the latter year he returned to his native country, and in 1878 was elected Superintendent of Schools in Nashua, N. H., where he remained until 1883, when he moved to Clinton, Mass., to fill a similar position. In 1886 he returned to Boston and in 1890 was elected a director and later clerk and treasurer of the Bostonian Society. He has been a member of the examining committees of the Boston Public Library and Boston Athenæum, and has published "Short Sayings of Great Men" (1882), which has gone through several editions in America and England; is the author of "Hints on Language" for primary schools, and has edited Longfellow's "Golden Legend," the "Christmas Carol" and the "Cricket on the Hearth" for Houghton, Mifflin & Co.; his address on Gen. S. M. Quincy was published by the Bostonian Society, and "Why Was Louisburg Twice Besieged" and "The Wayside Inn, its History and Literature," addresses, have been published by the Society of Colonial Wars. As historian of the Mass. Society Sons of the American Revolution, he compiled the year books of the Society in 1893 and 1894, and has also compiled the year books of the Mass. Society of Colonial Wars for 1894, 1897 and 1898. An article from his pen on "Damon and Pythias among our Early Journalists" appeared in the *New England Magazine* for August, 1896. He has been warden and vestryman of three Episcopal parishes, and is frequently delegate to diocesan conventions. He married Aug. 30, 1890, Mary Edna Thompson of Bridgewater, Mass.

Child, born in Boston:

i. MILDRED[8] BENT, b. Nov. 6, 1891.

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JOSEPH AVERY[7] BENT (*Joseph A.*,[6] *Samuel B.*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]), travelling salesman, was born in Middlebury, Vt., April 23, 1857, and is living in Denver, Colorado. He began his business career in 1875 as office boy in his uncle's shoe store in Peoria, Ill., and the boot and shoe business, in its various branches, has occupied his attention ever since. He was a manufacturer of shoes in Chester, Ill., from 1881 to 1885. He located in Colorado in the spring of 1890. He married, Feb. 22, 1888, at Socorro, N. M., Effie A. Dougherty of North Platte, Neb.

Children:

i. JOSEPH AVERY,[8] b. 1889; d. 1890.
ii. AVERY BALLARD, b. Dec. 21, 1890.
iii. HARRY SIMS, b. Nov. 24, 1895.
iv. MARY LOUISE, b. April 23, 1898.

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SAMUEL ADAMS[7] BENT (*Joseph A.*,[6] *Samuel B.*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]), a retail shoe dealer, was born in Hoyleton, Ill., March 4, 1861, and is living in Denver, Colo., where he located in 1889. He married, May 22, 1890, Sallie Marie Kane, who was born in Jeffersonville, Ind., Dec. 25, 1864.

Children, both born in Denver:

i. ROGER KANE,[8] b. May 20, 1891.
ii. GERTRUDE LOUISE, b. May 21, 1892.

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GEORGE PAYNE[7] BENT (*George*,[6] *Samuel B.*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Dundee, Ill., June 16, 1854, and is living in Chicago, Ill., where he has been located since May, 1870, at which time he entered the employ of David C. Cook. In May, 1878, he bought out Mr. Cook's business, and has been engaged in the manufacture first of sewing machines and then of organs, and latterly of the "Crown" pianos and organs up to the present time. He married, at Burr Oak, Ia., April 26, 1876, Clara A. Wingate, who was born in Hemingford, Canada, July 24, 1857, daughter of Henry and Charity E. Wingate.

Children, all born in Chicago:

i. CLARA WINGATE,[8] b. March 10, 1877; m. June 21, 1898, Ernest G. Meikle of Chicago.
ii. GEORGE HENRY, b. Oct. 11, 1878.

iii. CHARITY MARY, b. May 23, 1884.
iv. MURIEL, b. Aug. 18, 1890.
v. DOROTHY AMELIA, b. April 5, 1893.
vi. CHARLES MATCHETT, b. Aug. 25, 1895.

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CHARLES AVERY[7] BENT (*George*,[6] *Samuel B.*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Burr Oak, Iowa, Oct. 10, 1860, and has resided since April, 1882, in Chicago, Ill., where he is connected with his brother's manufactory. He married, Sept. 11, 1883, Cora Hannah Stone of Seneca, Kan., a native of North Monroeville, Ohio, daughter of William Biglow Stone.

Children, all born in Chicago:

i. CHARLES HOWARD,[8] b. Dec. 21, 1884.
ii. CLARA AMELIA, b. March 21, 1887.
iii. MAURICE HIRAM, b. April 7, 1891.
iv. ROBERTA MARY, b. Nov. 15, 1896.

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ARTHUR SUMNER[7] BENT (*George*,[6] *Samuel B.*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Burr Oak, Iowa, July 17, 1864, and is living in Hazard, Neb. He married, Nov. 5, 1885, in Hazard, Lida Emma Heslop, who was born in McKeesport, Penn.

Children, all born in Nebraska, i. at Nonpareil, ii. at Litchfield, iii. at Auburn, iv. and v. at Hazard:

i. SADIE MARY,[8] b. Jan. 10, 1887.
ii. IVAN ARTHUR, b. Nov. 30, 1888; d. April 7, 1891.
iii. CLARA ALTA VERA, b. Oct. 21, 1891.
iv. GEORGE ABRAM, b. Feb. 9, 1894.
v. MIRIAM, b. July 19, 1896.

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JOSEPH[7] BENT (*Francis*,[6] *John*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), blacksmith, was born in Wareham, Mass., Feb. 29, 1788, and died in Wareham, March 8, 1860, æ. 72. He married first, Ruth Hall; married second, Mary Bumpus of Carver.

Children of Joseph and Ruth:

i. FEARING W.,[8] b. Nov. 19, 1810; shoemaker; d. in Rehoboth, Mass., Dec. 5, 1894; buried in Brockton.
ii. SILVA, b. 1813; d. 1858; m. Jan. 1831, Ezra Potter (1807–1879).

Children of Joseph and Mary:

i. NANCY E., living in Plymouth, Mass.; m. 1850, Warren Gibbs; four children.

ii. SARAH, living in Plymouth, Mass.; m. Winslow B. Sherman; six children.
iii. HENRIETTA, m. William Gibbs.
iv. JOSEPH F., b. 1835; d. Oct. 19, 1889.

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JOHN[7] BENT (*Francis,*[6] *John,*[5] *Joseph,*[4] *Experience,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]) was born in Wareham, Mass., July 7, 1790; lived a few years in Middleboro', Mass., and about 1832 moved to the adjoining town of Carver, where he died March 2, 1869, æ. 78. He was collector of taxes for several years and representative to the Legislature in 1835 and 1836. He married first, in 1822, Hannah Perkins; no children; married second, Nov. 1829, Mercy McFarlin, who was born in Carver, May 2, 1796, and died in Carver, Jan. 4, 1887, æ. 90, daughter of Hervit McFarlin.

Children of John and Mercy, i. born in Middleboro', ii. in Carver:

416. i. JOHN,[8] b. June 5, 1831.
ii. HANNAH PERKINS, b. Nov. 4, 1836; m. Feb. 1866, Rufus L. Richards of Carver.

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ISAAC[7] BENT (*Francis,*[6] *John,*[5] *Joseph,*[4] *Experience,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]), blacksmith, was born in Wareham, Mass., Aug. 4, 1799, and died in Wareham, Nov. 4, 1876. He made hoes and other implements for the Southern planters and went South, winters, to dispose of his wares. During the latter part of the War of 1812 (June 13, 1814) about two hundred British soldiers from the brig-of-war "Nimrod" landed at Wareham under a flag of truce and then proceeded to destroy property in the ship yards, etc. Before re-embarking in their barges, they took and disarmed enough prisoners to place around the gunwales of their boats to prevent any attack from the gathering inhabitants. Isaac Bent, though a mere boy, was one of these prisoners. After getting below the inhabited part of Buzzard's Bay the prisoners were landed, for they were no longer needed.

Isaac married, Dec. 11, 1833, Sophia Bartlett of Plymouth, who died in Wareham, June 4, 1864, æ. 55–3–6.

Children, both born in Wareham:

417. i. MARTIN FRANCIS,[8] b. March 17, 1835.
ii. ISAAC BARTLETT, b. Sept. 8, 1840; living unm. in Ann Arbor, Mich., where he deals in photographs and art goods; was a tinsmith in Wareham several years before going West.

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LUCY[7] BENT (*Francis*,[6] *John*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Wareham, Mass., March 17, 1808, and died in Rochester, Mass., Oct. 13, 1854. She married, Sept. 8, 1827, Jonathan Perry, who was born in Plymouth, Mass., Sept. 4, 1801, and died in Rochester, Mass., Oct. 13, 1881.

Children, all born in Rochester, Mass.:

i. ISAAC B.[8] PERRY, b. and d. 1828.

ii. LUCY BENT PERRY, b. Sept. 4, 1829; m. in 1851, Rufus H. King, a drummer in 28th Mass. Inf'y. in 1861–'62. Four children: 1. *Rufus Washington*,[9] b. Dec. 8, 1851; d. May 26, 1883; m. in 1879, Katherine Mannix of Wheeling, W. Va. 2. *Isaac Bradford*, b. Aug. 8, 1854; lives in Taunton, Mass.; m. Feb. 11, 1885, Anna Maria Strange. 3. *Maria L.*, b. Oct. 22, 1855. 4. *Nellie M.*, b. Jan. 7, 1858; m. in 1875, William Morton Holmes of Wareham.

iii. MARY JANE PERRY, b. Feb. 6, 1831; d. in Rochester, Mass., July 2, 1885; m. Nov. 16, 1856, her second cousin, Henry Clay Lindley of Watertown, who was a sergeant in U. S. A. before marriage and captain in 16th Mass. Inf'y. in the Civil War. Seven children: 1. *Lucy Bent*,[9] b. Jan. 24, 1858; living unm. in Foxboro', Mass. 2. *Orrin Eugene*, b. and d. 1860. 3. *Mary Jane*, b. Sept. 4, 1861; living in Foxboro', Mass.; m. Jan. 26, 1898, Harrie Francis Gray. 4. *Charles Henry*, b. 1866; d. 1867. 5. *Henry Clayton*, b. July 1, 1868; m. Dec. 1, 1896, Louise Hodgson Matthews of Fitchburg. 6. *Francis Bent*, b. March 17, 1872; m. June 3, 1896, Ethel Josephine Clement of New Bedford. 7. *Susie Maria*, b. and d. 1874.

iv. ABBIE BATES PERRY, b. June 2, 1833; living in Carver, Mass.; m. July 7, 1863, Jason Southworth, b. in Middleboro', Mass., July 5, 1819. One child, *Jason Alton*,[9] b. in Carver, July 9, 1866; d. in Carver, Nov. 8, 1889.

v. ISAAC FRANCIS BENT PERRY, b. Jan. 6, 1835; d. unm. May 6, 1893, in Rochester, Mass., where he had held many offices of trust, town treasurer, collector of taxes, assessor, selectman, representative to the Legislature, etc.

vi. TIRZAH M. PERRY, b. Jan. 29, 1838; living unm. in Rochester, Mass., where for many years she was a valued teacher in the public schools.

vii. SUSAN W. PERRY, b. Feb. 22, 1840; living unm. in Rochester, Mass.

viii. JONATHAN PERRY, b. March 2, 1842; is engaged in cranberry culture in Rochester; unm.

ix. JAMES E. PERRY, b. Sept. 17, 1844; living in Rochester, Mass., where he is a soap manufacturer; m. Jan. 7, 1866, Pamelia Kinney, b. in Mattapoisett, Mass., Jan. 23, 1847. Nine children: 1. *James F.*,[9] b. 1867; d. 1878. 2. *George H.*, b. 1869; d. 1878. 3. *Lucy Bent*, b. Jan. 15, 1873; m. Oct. 24,

1896, George Keithley of Hamburg, Mo. 4. *Pamelia A.*, b. Oct. 11, 1874; m. Aug. 25, 1897, Arthur H. Randall of Rochester, Mass. 5. *Susan M.*, b. 1877; d. 1879. 6. *Susan Maria Frances*, b. March 14, 1880. 7. *George Franklin*, b. 1882; d. 1885. 8. *Jonathan L.*, b. Feb. 24, 1888.

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WILSON DEXTER[7] BENT (*Francis*,[6] *John*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Wareham, Mass., in June, 1814, and died in North Sandwich (now Bournedale), Mass., July 27, 1856. He married first, May 25, 1834, Phebe Cahoon, who died Jan. 6, 1842, æ. 27–9–20; married second, Sept. 4, 1842, Hannah Crowell, who died Jan. 10, 1861, æ. 50.

Children of Wilson D. and Phebe, both born in North Sandwich (now Bournedale):

418. i. WILSON DEXTER,[8] b. Aug. 13, 1835.
419. ii. FRANCIS, b. Aug. 28, 1841.

Children of Wilson D. and Hannah:

i. HANNAH MARIA,[8] b. May 14, 1845; d. Oct. 29, 1869; m. May 4, 1864, Seth W. Holway. Three children.
ii. Son (not named), b. and d. March, 1847.
iii. NATHAN PRINCE, b. Jan. 23, 1848; d. in Stockton, Cal., July 12, 1873, æ. 25.
iv. PHEBE ANN, b. June 8, 1852; d. unm. May 25, 1881.

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BARTLETT[7] BENT (*John*,[6] *John*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Middleboro', Mass., Nov. 30, 1797, and died in Middlefield, Conn., June 15, 1868, æ. 70; buried in Middletown, Conn. His active business life was spent in New York City in the iron trade. He lived in various places in Massachusetts, New York and Connecticut, and one year in Philadelphia, Pa. In 1858 he removed from Port Chester, N. Y., to Middletown, Conn. His last years were spent with his son, three miles out from the latter city, and there he died. He married, July 24, 1824, Hannah P. Savery, who was born in Carver, Mass., March 24, 1799, and died in Flushing, L. I., April 19, 1892, æ. 93, daughter of Peleg and Hannah (Perkins) Savery.

Children, i. and ii. born in Wareham, Mass., iii. in New York City:

i. ANN,[8] b. Aug. 1, 1825; d. aged 9.
420. ii. BARTLETT, b. Sept. 11, 1829.
iii. THOMAS SAVERY, b. Sept. 12, 1833; in 1856 he moved from Port Chester, N. Y., to Middletown, Conn., and purchased a farm of one hundred and five acres, on which he lived until

his death, April 25, 1889; m. Mary Augusta Peacock, a sister of his brother's wife. She died in Middlefield, Conn., about 1881.

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THOMAS[7] BENT (*John*,[6] *John*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Middleboro', Mass., Nov. 8, 1803, and died Dec. 18, 1870. He was an iron founder in New York, the firm in later years being Thomas Bent & Son. He married Abigail Shaw, who was born April 21, 1807.

Children:

i. CHARLES HENRY,[8] b. 1829; d. 1830.
421. ii. SAMUEL SHAW, b. July 15, 1830.
iii. ELIZABETH M., b. June 19, 1838.
iv. ABBY, b. April 9, 1846; d. June 9, 1876.

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JOHN[7] BENT (*Experience*,[6] *John*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Middleboro', Mass., May 30, 1799, and died in Shamokin, Pa., in 1857; was connected with a foundry in latter place. He married, June 2, 1822, Mary Adams of Carver, Mass., who was born in Boston, Nov. 1805, and died in Washington, D. C., July 8, 1893, daughter of Thomas and Mercy (Savery) Adams. Mrs. Bent married second, Watson Goward of Croydon, N. H.

Children, i., iv. and v. born in Carver, ii. in N. J., iii. in Middleboro':

i. MARY ADAMS,[8] b. Nov. 13, 1823; living in Washington, D. C.; m. in Newton, Mass., June 21, 1860, Henry T. Lawson, a native of Scotland, Major of 2d Mass. Heavy Artillery, d. in Newburn, N. C., Oct. 1, 1864. Three children, all living, unm.: 1. *Jeanette*, a clerk in the War Dept. at Washington, D. C. 2. *Florence*, a teacher in normal school at Los Angeles, Cal. 3. *Gertrude Henrietta*, in Washington.
ii. JOHN WATSON, b. April 24, 1826; contractor and builder; d. April 8, 1899, in Chicago, Ill., where he had lived since 1849; saw service in the Mexican war; m. first, Janet Buchanan of Chicago; m. second, Mrs. Mary E. Smith, who d. in Louisville, Ky., in 1895. No children. One adopted son, who has taken the name of John W. Bent.
422. iii. SAMUEL ADAMS, b. May 11, 1828.
iv. MERCY ANN, b. Sept. 6, 1829; d. in Brookfield, Mass., Aug. 9, 1876; m. first, in 1847, John King, a farmer, of Wilton, N. H. Three children: 1. *Emma Josephine*,[9] living in South Framingham, Mass.; m. first, James Theodore Butterworth, and second, his brother Frank H. Butterworth of So. Framingham.

2. *Albert Henry*, living in Brookfield. 3. *Elizabeth Medora*, living in Barre, Mass.; m. 1889, Seth Sumner Williams of Petersham. Mercy Ann m. second, February, 1867, Henry L. King.

v. AUGUSTA, b. Feb. 18, 1835; living, 1897, in New York City; m. first, in Newton, Mass., April 15, 1857, Gardner Kidder of Medford, Mass.; m. second, Frank E. Morse. No children. One adopted daughter.

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EBENEZER[7] BENT (*Experience*,[6] *John*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), cabinet maker, was born in Middleboro', Mass., Oct. 10, 1809, and died at his daughter's home in Ware, Mass., Feb. 1, 1890, æ. 80. He married, Oct. 12, 1831, Susan Wheelwright, daughter of Thomas Gammons. She died in Springfield, Mass., May 11, 1873, æ. 61.

Children, i. born in Middleboro', ii. and iii. in Charlestown, Mass.:

423. i. CHARLES HENRY WHEELWRIGHT,[8] b. Feb. 2, 1835.

ii. CAROLINE LOUISE, b. February, 1841; living in Ware, Mass.; m. in Chelsea, Mass., Jan. 6, 1867, William B. Lawton of Ware (his second marriage).

iii. WILLIAM E., b. May, 1849; has musical talent and has travelled extensively, but since about 1884 has made his home in Chicago, Ill., where he is now employed in the office of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Ry. Co.; m. Aug. 24, 1879, at Benton Harbor, Mich., Mrs. Sarah A. Warner; no children.

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LUTHER[7] BENT (*Experience*,[6] *John*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Middleboro', Mass., Jan. 7, 1812, and died in Watertown, Mass., Feb. 10, 1891, æ. 79. He moved in 1835 to Watertown, where he was a cabinet maker and furniture dealer. He married, April 12, 1836, Everline A. Wheeler of Watertown.

Children, all born in Watertown:

i. LUTHER WHEELER,[8] b. 1838; d. 1841.

ii. EVERLINE ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 13, 1840; m. May 31, 1864, John E. Stiles of Cambridge, son of John C. and Susan Stiles. Two children: 1. *Mabelle*, b. June 26, 1867; d. June 1, 1892. 2. *Florence*, b. and d. 1869.

424. iii. JUDSON LUTHER, b. Dec. 13, 1843.

425. iv. HERBERT FRANCIS, b. Jan. 2, 1845.

v. MARY ELLA, b. Sept. 2, 1848; d. unm. in Watertown, Mass., April 23, 1898.

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OTIS[7] BENT (*Experience*,[6] *John*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), iron moulder, was born in Middleboro', Mass., in May, 1816, and died in Middleboro' in 1892, æ. 76. He married, Oct. 30, 1842, Louisa Thomas of Middleboro', who was born in 1826, and died Nov. 15, 1873.

Children, all born in Middleboro':

i. SALOME MARIA,[8] b. July 8, 1843; living in Middleboro'; m. 1863, Ansel Fuller, shoemaker, of Kingston, Mass.

ii. OTIS WINSLOW, b. Aug. 5, 1846; drowned while skating Feb. 12, 1858; a skate is cut on his tombstone in the North Carver cemetery.

iii. MARY SAMPSON, b. April 23, 1849; living in South Abington, Mass.; m. 1868, Samuel Barnes Barrows of Carver, who saw four years service in the civil war.

iv. CAROLINE JANET, b. April 30, 1854; living in Middleboro'; m. 1872, William Bonney of Plympton, Mass., who d. 1874.

v. FANNIE AUGUSTA, b. Oct. 1, 1860; m. 1895, Charles Eddy of Fall River, Mass.

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OTIS[7] BENT (*William*,[6] *John*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Middleboro', Mass., Aug. 23, 1793; in infancy was taken to Paris, Me., where he died March 31, 1871, æ. 77. He saw service in Capt. Uriah Ripley's company in the War of 1812. He married Hannah, daughter of Richard Walker of Fryeburg, Me. She died June 1, 1877, æ. 82.

Children, all born in Paris, Me.:

i. CLARISSA SHAW,[8] b. April 18, 1817; m. first, Charles Howe; m. second, Charles Young.

ii. ANN CHANDLER, b. July 12, 1818; m. Wellington Dudley (1817–1883). Four children: 1. *Mary Aldrich*. 2. *Josiah W.* 3. *Clara Maria*. 4. *John Hancock*.

426. iii. DANIEL CHANDLER, b. Nov. 18, 1821.

427. iv. OREN WEBSTER, b. Jan. 31, 1824.

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OREN[7] BENT (*William*,[6] *John*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), a Methodist clergyman, was born in Paris, Me., March 27, 1796, and died in North Bridgeton, Me., in 1848, æ. 52; preached in many towns in south-western Maine. He was a strong temperance advocate. He married Caroline Eaton of Rumford Falls, Me., who died in Harrison, Me., in 1846.

Children, all born in Maine, i. born in Rumford and vi. in Washington:

i. MARIA A.,[8] b. 1831; d. in Chelsea, Mass., in 1882; m. Nov. 15, 1866 (his second marriage) William G. Reed, who d. in Chelsea in 1881. One child, *Fay*,[9] an organist in Boston.

ii. FRANCIS ASBURY, b. 1833; musician; living in Portland, Me., where he m. Maria A. Stevens; they have lived in Illinois and in Boston, Mass. He was formerly a carriage-smith. No children.

iii. ESTHER ANN, b. 1835; m. first, Orrin Bartlett; m. second, ——— Hurd.

iv. CAROLINE M., b. 1838; d. in Chelsea, Mass., October, 1893; m. Francis W. Forbush of Boston; lived in Chelsea, where he died in 1885. Three children: 1. *Fred.*[9] 2. *Maria Albertina*, m. Charles Smith of Somerville. 3. *Charles.*

v. JOHN A., b. 1840; farmer; living in Mapleton, Utah; saw service in the civil war in the 5th Maine Inf'y, and the 4th Reg. U. S. A. He moved to Colorado in 1873. Four children.

vi. ORRIN, b. Sept. 3, 1842; living in Dorchester, Boston; saw service in the civil war in the 1st and 17th Maine Inf'y. Has been in the produce business in Quincy Market for several years. He m. in Boston, July 16, 1871, Emma Jane Tuttle of Athens, Me. Two children: 1. *Louis Carroll*,[9] b. Dec. 9, 1875. 2. *Edwin Clarence*, b. Sept. 30, 1877.

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WILLIAM[7] BENT (*William*,[6] *John*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born March 24, 1798, in Paris, Me., where he died Dec. 12, 1878. He married Cynthia Russell of Bethel, Me.

Children, all born in Paris, Me.:

i. ANGELINE,[8] m. Alexander Libbey.

ii. CYNTHIA AUGUSTA, living in Lowell, Mass.; m. Albert Livermore.

iii. MARY JANE, b. 1827; m. Frederick Libbey.

iv. ELIZABETH, b. 1829; d. young.

v. ELIZA ANN (twin), b. 1834; living in Abrams, Wis.; m. Horace Waldron.

vi. LUCY ANN (twin), b. 1834; living in Abrams, Wis.; m. Augustus Knowles.

vii. OLIVE ELIZABETH, b. 1836; living in Amberg, Wis.; m. Isaac Trask.

428. viii. WILLIAM EDWIN, b. July 10, 1838.

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JOHN[7] BENT (*William*,[6] *John*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), printer and publisher, was born in Paris, Me., March 12, 1809, and died in Sanford, Florida, March 31, 1882, æ. 73. He

began his active business career in Eastport, Me., where he published the *Eastern Democrat* for a few years, but his field not being broad enough, he transferred his residence to Philadelphia. Before 1843, however, he located in Chelsea, Mass., which remained his home for more than a quarter of a century. He was a member of the City Council, and in 1858 and 1859, with Mellen Chamberlain, afterwards Judge and Librarian of the Boston Public Library, he represented the city of his adoption in the Legislature. Meanwhile, about 1848, he had opened a printing establishment in Boston, and for a short time, about 1850, Henry Wilson, afterwards Vice-President of the United States, was in partnership with him. About 1870 he removed to Auburndale, Mass., but after the death of his elder son he lived in Florida, engaged in orange growing, with frequent trips north, until his death. He married, August 6, 1833, Dolly, daughter of Jonas T. Keyes of Eastport, Me. She died in Auburndale, Oct. 2, 1892, æ. nearly 80.

Children, all born in Chelsea, Mass.:

i. JOHN SHACKFORD,[8] b. Dec. 6, 1843; d. at Lake Mary, Fla., about 1872; enlisted Sept. 19, 1862, for nine months in Co. E, 50th Mass. Inf'y; afterwards he served in the U. S. Sanitary Commission until the close of the war, after which he located in New Orleans; about 1870, he took a land grant in Florida, and was just beginning to raise oranges when he was cut off by death.

ii. ELIZA FRANCES, b. June 15, 1846; living in Auburndale, Mass.; m. June 24, 1868, Isaac Snow Dillingham of Chelsea. Their daughter, *Frances Bent*[9] *Dillingham*, has made a good name for herself as a writer of stories and verse; one of the latter will be found at the end of this volume.

iii. CHARLES ANDREW, b. Jan. 6, 1849; living in Melrose, Mass.; m. Belle Haskell. No children.

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ASAHEL[7] BENT (*Zenas*,[6] *John*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), iron moulder, was born in Middleboro', Mass., in 1797, and died in Carver, Mass., Oct 23, 1849(?). He married, in 1819, Lydia Saunders, who was born in Middleboro' in 1800, and died in Carver, Oct. 8, 1848.

Children, i. born in Middleboro', the others in Carver:

429. i. IRA COOK,[8] b. Aug. 19, 1820.

ii. NATHANIEL ALLEN, b. 1822; d. unm. in (South) Carver before 1872.

iii. GEORGE WARREN, b. Feb. 11, 1825; puddler in a nail factory; d. in Wareham, Aug. 23, 1872; m. in Wareham, Sept. 24, 1850, Mrs. Ruth (Savery) Long, b. Feb. 9, 1821, widow of Andrew Long, and dau. of Samuel and Rebecca (Swift)

Savery. She m. third, Benjamin Ingalls, and lives in East Wareham, Mass.

iv. EUNICE HACKETT, b. Dec. 29, 1829; d. in Taunton, Mass., in 1876; m. ——— ———. Three children: 1. *Frank E.*[9] 2. *Charles W.* 3. *Ira F.*

v. ABBIE BATES, b. March, 1833; d. in Wareham, April, 1889; m. in Wareham, March 9, 1855, Solomon Warren Hathaway. Four children: 1. *Rosalie Ashton.*[9] 2. *Lenora Estelle*, m. Elmer Clarence Briggs. 3. *Helen Frances*, m. Nathan Ellis Bourne. 4. *Abbie Warren*, m. James Everett Marville.

vi. MARY ANN, b. July 21, 1839; living, 1898, in East Wareham, Mass.; m. Oct. 8, 1861, Jeremiah T. Nightingale, mariner, of Sandwich, b. Dec. 4, 1838. Five children: 1. *Florence V.*[9] 2. *George T.* 3. *Jeremiah W.* 4. *Arthur E.* 5. *Lydia T.* All b. in Wareham.

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WATERMAN[7] BENT (*Joseph*,[6] *Joseph*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), ship carpenter, was born in Yarmouth, N. S., in July, 1808, and died in Eastport, Me., Feb. 11, 1855. He married, Oct. 23, 1834, Mrs. Eliza (Reynolds) Bagly, born Sept. 19, 1805.

Children, recorded in Eastport, Me.:

i. JOHN A.,[8] b. July 20, 1835.
ii. KIMBALL, b. Aug. 24, 1837.
iii. SARAH ANN, b. Sept. 8, 1841.

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SAMUEL[7] BENT (*Joseph*,[6] *Joseph*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born probably in Yarmouth, N. S. He married Maria, daughter of David Harris.

Children:

i. JOHN.[8]
ii. JOSEPH, lost at sea.
iii. ABIGAIL, m. first, John Dowley; m. second, Sept. 29, 1860, Silas C. Trefry.

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JOHN[7] BENT (*Joseph*,[6] *Joseph*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, N. S., Aug. 3, 1809. He married first, Sophia, daughter of David Harris; married second, Mrs. Maria (Harris) Bent, widow of his brother Samuel.

Children:

i. JOHN,[8] m. March 27, 1851, Dorcas, dau. of William Taylor.
ii. JOSEPH.
iii. PRISCILLA, m. William Hamilton.
iv. LOIS, d. unm.

v. MARGARET, d. unm.
vi. MARY, d. young.
vii. ELIHU.
viii. ESTHER, m. Dominick Adams.
ix. MARY, m. Dominick Adams.

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JAMES[7] BENT (*Elkanah*,[6] *Joseph*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer and cooper, was born in Yarmouth, N. S., and died at Lake Darling, N. S. He married first, Bethiah, daughter of David W. Beveridge; married second, Nov. 25, 1841, Sarah, daughter of John Landers.

Children:

i. EMILY JANE,[8] m. first, Dec. 23, 1852, Reuben Harris; m. second, George P. Bowers.
ii. REBECCA LOUISA, m. Sept. 16, 1858, Jonathan Harris.
iii. CHARLES W., d. Nov. 29, 1890; m. first, Oct. 11, 1860, Elizabeth, dau. of Richard Power; m. second, Lalia ———.
iv. ROBERT, d. June 4, 1892; m. Mary Ann Roberts.

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WILLIAM[7] BENT (*Elkanah*,[6] *Joseph*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), sea captain and farmer, was born in Yarmouth, N. S., and died at Short Beach, N. S. He married Hannah Cain.

Children:

i. WILLIAM HENRY,[8] d. at sea unm.
ii. RUFUS, d. at sea unm.
iii. SUSAN, m. ——— Eldridge.
iv. JAMES C., m. Sophronia, dau. of James Roberts. One child, *Ivan Clifford*,[9] b. 1892, d. 1896.
v. DELIA, d. unm.
vi. ELIZABETH, m. Alvin Scovil.
vii. LUCY L., m. Oct. 18, 1892, Capt. Thomas K. S. Doane.
viii. STEPHEN, m. Dec. 25, 1879, Laura E., dau. of Andrew J. Lincoln. Two children: 1. *Joseph N.*,[9] b. Nov. 23, 1880. 2. *Hubert Lincoln*, b. April 22, 1895.
ix. ZILPAH, d. young.

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ALEXANDER[7] BENT (*Elkanah*,[6] *Joseph*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, N. S., and died in Sandford, N. S. He was a sailor on a coasting schooner early in life, but afterwards a farmer. He married Ellen, daughter of Milford Tedford of Short Beach, N. S. She is still living.

Children, all born in Sandford:

430. i. NORMAN HAMMOND,[8] b. March 10, 1841.

ii. MILFORD TEDFORD, b. June 9, 1844; d. Feb. 26, 1862, of consumption contracted in the army. Enlisted in 1861 in Co. I, 14th Reg. Mass. Vols.

iii. GILBERT, d. unm. Dec. 20, 1888.

iv. HANNAH, living in Tapleyville, a village in Danvers, Mass.; m. Nov. 21, 1861, in Danvers, Albert Woodbury. Four children: 1. *Eliza Ellen.*[9] 2. *Lalia.* 3. *Althea Florence.* 4. *Mabel Paton.*

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CHARLES[7] BENT (*Elkanah,*[6] *Joseph,*[5] *Joseph,*[4] *Experience,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, N. S., in Dec. 1810, and died in Digby, N. S., Feb. 12, 1873. He followed the sea before his marriage, after which he farmed. In 1862 he moved from Westport, N. S., to Yarmouth, thence in 1866 to Digby. He married, in Sept. 1846, Sarah Isabella Merritt, who was born at Sandy Cove, N. S., Nov. 4, 1828, and died in Wakefield, Mass., March 4, 1894, æ. 65.

Children, all born in Westport, N. S.:

i. EMMA,[8] b. June 22, 1847; living in Wakefield; m. Feb. 9, 1870, John Crosby of Yarmouth. Seven children.

ii. CHARLES AMOS, b. May 7, 1850; carpenter; living in Wakefield; m. March 17, 1874, Sarah Carr of Digby. No children.

iii. GEORGE HENRY, d. young.

431. iv. ELKANAH, b. Jan. 3, 1855.

v. HENRIETTA, b. Oct. 31, 1858; living in Newport, Vt.; m. Hiram Belding of St. John, N. B. One child, *Walter*[9] *Belding.*

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MARY ANN[7] BENT (*Lemuel,*[6] *William,*[5] *Joseph,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]) was born in Winchester, Va., June 8, 1800, and died in Bethel, Va., Jan. 1, 1871. She married, March 23, 1826, Francis McFarland, D.D., a Presbyterian clergyman of Bethel, and moved to Augusta County, near Greenville, Va. In 1836 they removed to Philadelphia, where for five years he was corresponding secretary of the Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church, but in 1841 he returned to his old charge at Bethel in southern Virginia, where he spent the remainder of his days. He died Oct. 9, 1871, æ. 83.

Children, all born in Virginia except the twins, who were born in Philadelphia:

i. BETSEY[8] MCFARLAND, b. Jan. 7, 1827; d. near Columbia, Tenn., in Aug., 1861; m. Dr. W. F. Humphreys of Virginia and had three children, one of whom, *D. C.*[9] *Humphreys,* is a

professor in Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Va. One d. young, and the other, *Theda McFarland Humphreys*, m. Rev. G. T. Storey and is living in San Angelo, Texas.

ii. MARY MCFARLAND, b. Nov. 14, 1828; d. April 14, 1893; m. in 1849, Dr. W. W. Lewis of Roanoke, Va., who died in 1854. Two children: 1. *Frank Walton*[9] *Lewis*, now pastor of the Presbyterian church at Clinton, La. 2. *Marie Louise Lewis*, m. in 1877, Rev. Frank H. Gaines, now pastor of the Presbyterian church at Decatur, Ga.

iii. FRANCIS PATTERSON MCFARLAND, b. 1830; d. in infancy.

iv. WILLIAM MCFARLAND, b. 1833; d. in infancy.

v. FRANCIS WILLIAM MCFARLAND, b. June 8, 1835; taught school several years, was a reporter in Congress, joined the Confederate army, and after two years' service became a reporter in the Confederate Congress; d. unm. July 21, 1866, of consumption contracted while a prisoner at Fort McHenry, near Baltimore, in 1863.

vi. LEMUEL BENT MCFARLAND (twin), b. Dec. 8, 1838; d. young.

vii. ROBERT PATTERSON MCFARLAND (twin), b. Dec. 8, 1838; joined the Confederate army in 1861, became a lieutenant, and was killed in battle near Richmond, Va., May 30, 1864.

viii. JAMES NATHANIEL MCFARLAND, b. Feb. 24, 1842; joined the Confederate army in 1861, and served under Stonewall Jackson; was wounded and spent ten months as a prisoner of war at Fort Delaware; after the war went back to the farm in Bethel, Va., where he remained until 1884, when he moved to Staunton, Va., where he is now an elder in the First Presbyterian Church and treasurer of Augusta County, the largest county in Virginia; m. in 1874 Mary E. Wallace. Two children: 1. *Francis Patterson*[9] *McFarland*, b. Dec. 9, 1875. 2. *Wallace Bent McFarland*, b. Sept. 22, 1878.

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WILLIAM HENRY[7] BENT (*William*,[6] *William*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), grocer, was born in Canton, Mass., June 13, 1819, and died in Taunton, Mass., Dec. 17, 1873, æ. 54; lived in Neponset (now a part of Boston). He married, in Jan. 1851, Martha Dean Plummer, who was born May 5, 1822, and died in Dorchester, Sept. 17, 1857.

Children, i. and ii. born in Dorchester, iii. in Milton:

i. ABBIE ELIZABETH,[8] b. Jan. 18, 1852; d. unm. Jan. 1879; she was adopted by her father's sister, Mrs. Sarah (Bent) Benton, and lived in Connecticut.

ii. SARAH FRANCES, b. 1854; d. 1857.

iii. HARRIET CHAMBERLAIN, b. Feb. 13, 1857; m. Oct. 4, 1886, Henry C. Shields of Mattapan, Mass. Three children.

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RUFUS[7] BENT (*William*,[6] *William*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), cabinet maker, was born in Canton, Mass., Oct. 21, 1821, and died in Neponset, Boston, Mass., Sept. 15, 1897, æ. nearly 75; lived several years in Cambridge. He married, March 27, 1859, Emily Abigail Phillips of Brockton, Mass.

Children:

i. CORA EMILY,[8] b. 1860; living in Neponset, Boston; m. in 1888, George Burford. Two children: 1. *Emily C.*,[9] b. 1891. 2. *Miriam L.*, b. 1893.

ii. MERRILL NELSON, b. 1864; electrician; living in Neponset, Boston; m. first, Sarah E., dau. of John and Sarah Zoller. She d. in Somerville, Mass., Sept. 28, 1892, æ. 25, and he m. second, Sept. 1896, his cousin's daughter, Josephine E., dau. of Joseph A.[8] Bent (*q. v.*).

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JOSEPH[7] BENT (*William*,[6] *William*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), carriage manufacturer, was born in Canton, Mass., Aug. 5, 1823, moved in 1847 to Thompsonville, in the town of Enfield, Conn., where he died Feb. 28, 1888. He married first, Oct. 17, 1845, Emily Ann, daughter of James and Ann Hill of Dorchester, Mass. She was born Nov. 20, 1824, and died Dec. 17, 1845; no children. He married second, Oct. 30, 1849, Fannie Cutler, who was born April 28, 1830, living in Thompsonville.

Children, all born in Thompsonville:

i. CHARLES D.,[8] b. Dec. 8, 1850; is in the livery business in Thompsonville, where he has always lived, except during the years 1890 and 1891; a member of the Connecticut House of Representatives in 1899; m. first, Oct. 28, 1874, Emily E. Holcomb of Thompsonville, who d. Dec. 21, 1876; m. second, Dec. 28, 1892, Annie A. Harvey of Stafford, Conn. No children.

432. ii. JOSEPH ALMON, b. June 28, 1852.

iii. HERBERT, b. 1854; d. 1856.

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CHARLES CRANE[7] BENT (*William*,[6] *William*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), carpenter, was born in Canton, Mass., Sept. 8, 1826, and died in Dorchester, Boston, Mass., Feb. 15, 1887. He married, March 8, 1854, Phebe Ann Malin, who was born in Chester, Pa., Oct. 1, 1832, and died in Dorchester, April 3, 1872, daughter of Randall Malin.

Children, all born in Dorchester:

i. EDWARD DANFORTH,[8] b. Sept. 16, 1855; d. unm. Nov. 8, 1883, æ. 28.

433. ii. CHARLES HENRY, b. March 28, 1858.

iii. GEORGE ALDEN, b. 1863; d. 1864.

iv. ALFRED MALIN, b. Feb. 7, 1865; is in retail boot and shoe business in Dorchester; m. June 16, 1896, Margaret Mae Simpson of Boston.

v. FRANCIS HERBERT, b. June 18, 1868; living in Bound Brook, N. J.; an architect in New York City; m. Feb. 24, 1895, Irene Wheeler of Manalapan, N. J. One child, *Francis Herbert*,[9] b. Oct. 3, 1896.

vi. PHEBE ESTELLE, b. March 17, 1872; living unm. with her brother in Dorchester.

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NATHANIEL[7] BENT (*James*,[6] *William*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born May 5, 1824, in Canton, Mass., where he died Oct. 29, 1882, æ. 58. He and his twin brother, Elijah, who lived until March 23, 1893, were so much alike in appearance as to be often mistaken for each other, and their devotion to each other was even more remarkable than their resemblance. For thirty years they were in the grocery and dry-goods business in Canton. During the latter part of the time Elijah was in the oil business in Boston, but Nathaniel was also interested in it; in fact they were so united in their business relations that no division of their property was made until the death of Nathaniel.

They were in favor of social progress, were total abstainers from the use of alcoholic liquors, and early gave up the sale of tobacco and cigars. They were interested in mechanical and scientific improvements, and were great lovers of nature. Nathaniel always carried a sketch-book and spent much of his leisure time in painting, while Elijah made microscopy a studious pastime. Their interest in the Unitarian church in Canton was abiding and efficient. Among its people and the town's people generally they made many life-long friends. They preserved to a remarkable degree a cheerful boyish spirit, and were in sympathy with and greatly loved by the young people around them.

Nathaniel married, Dec. 29, 1852, Amelia Maria Guild, who was born in Canton, April 29, 1831, daughter of Horace and Amelia (Fisher) Guild, and is living in Allston.

Elijah never married, but took a deep interest in his brother's family and lived with them as long as he lived. He was treasurer of the Canton Historical Society, and a member of the American Unitarian Association.

Children of Nathaniel and Amelia, all born in Canton:

i. ANNIE AMELIA,[8] b. Dec. 20, 1853; living in Concord, Mass.; m. June 16, 1881, Harvey Wheeler. Three children: 1. *Roger*,[9] b. 1882; d. 1892. 2. *Gladys*, b. June 10, 1885. 3. *Berkeley*, b. April 26, 1888.

ii. NATHALIA, b. Oct. 12, 1855; living unm. in Allston, Boston; is a member of the American Unitarian Association, and much interested in genealogy.

434. iii. JAMES STUART, b. Jan. 27, 1857; m. Lydia Ella Connery.

iv. HATTIE GUILD, b. Oct. 4, 1859; living in Allston, Boston; m. Sept. 18, 1883, Walter Josiah Connery, brother of Lydia E.

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CYNTHIA[7] BENT (*Martin*,[6] *Jesse*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Fort Lawrence, N. S., Sept. 7, 1787, and died in Point de Bute, N. B., July 16, 1874, æ. nearly 87. She married, Jan. 8, 1807, Harmon Trueman, farmer and mechanic, born in Point de Bute, N. B., Sept. 27, 1778, died in Point de Bute, Sept. 18, 1856. Mr. Trueman's father and grand-parents came from Billsdale, North Riding, Yorkshire, England, in 1775, and settled at Point de Bute, then called Prospect.

Children, all born in Point de Bute, N. B.:

i. STEPHEN BAMFORD[8] TRUEMAN, b. Feb. 17, 1808; d. Dec. 29, 1875; m. Feb. 11, 1836, Eliza Wells (also of Yorkshire descent), who d. May 3, 1876. Seven children, all b. Point de Bute: 1. *George Harmon*,[9] living in Moncton, N. B. 2. *Elizabeth Amy*, m. first, Capt. Rufus Freeman Cutten of Amherst, N. S., who was lost at sea in January, 1887; m. second, April, 1891, Douglass Chapman, D.D. 3. *Frederic Alexander*, d. unm. Dec. 27, 1881. 4. *Humphrey Pickard*, living in Sackville, N. B. 5. *Louisa Cynthia*, living in Point de Bute, N. B.; m. Charles Ford McCready of Tenobsquis, N. B. 6. *Sarah Anne*, living in Sackville, N. B.; m. William McLeod of Sussex, N. B. 7. *Margaret Jane*, d. Nov. 14, 1889; m. Alex. Ford of Sackville, N. B.

ii. AMY ELIZABETH TRUEMAN, b. April 17, 1810; d. March 17, 1839; m. Oct. 4, 1837, John Wesley McLeod of St. John, N. B., who d. Sept. 8, 1888. Their only child, *Elizabeth Cynthia*,[9] living in Moncton, N. B., has interested herself in the preparation of the Bent genealogy, and the completeness of this branch is due to her labors; she m. William J. Robinson of Moncton, who d. June 22, 1893; no children.

iii. SARAH TRUEMAN, b. Aug. 27, 1812; d. Nov. 14, 1850; m. Rev. Alexander W. McLeod (brother of John W. above), a Methodist clergyman and editor of "The Wesleyan" in Halifax, N. S., until 1854, when he moved to Baltimore, Md., where he d. Nov. 30, 1891. Six children: 1. *Alexander Harmon*,[9] living in Wyoming, O. 2. *Emma Elizabeth*, m.

Fred W.[7] Bent (*q. v.*). 3. *Albert Des Brisay*, living in Avondale, O. 4. *Margaret Anne*, m. Hibbert C. Black of Pugwash, N. S. 5. *Robert Alder*, fought in the Confederate army, was taken prisoner, lost his right arm; graduated from Harvard College in 1869; located in Paris, where he married, and d. in Algiers, March 3, 1878. 6. *Ellen Lavinia*, d. in infancy.

iv. MARTIN TRUEMAN, b. Oct. 30, 1814; living in Point de Bute, N. B.; m. April 11, 1843, Bethia Purdy of Wallace, N. S., b. April 24, 1818. Five children: 1. *Amy Elizabeth*,[9] living in Gladstone, Manitoba; m. Joseph C. Wry of Jolicure, N. B. 2. *Calvin Thompson*, accidentally drowned in the harbor of Newport, Wales, Eng., Oct. 7, 1876, while travelling for his health. 3. *Cynthia Anne Wood*, m. Albert C. Carter of Point de Bute, N. B. 4. *Mary Ellen*, living in Fairville, N. B.; m. first, William Robert McBride, M.D., who d. June 8, 1878; m. second, James Hiram Grey, M.D. 5. *Harmon Silas*, an M.D., in Somerville, Mass.

v. LOUISA CYNTHIA TRUEMAN, b. Aug. 30, 1817; d. Aug. 30, 1859; m. Mariner Wood, a successful merchant and ship builder in Sackville, N. B., who d. Aug. 8, 1875. Two children: 1. *Josiah*,[9] educated at Mount Allison University; succeeded his father in business, and has been Representative and Senator at Ottawa. 2. *Charles Harmon*, educated at Mt. Allison University; d. of consumption in Torquay, Eng., April 6, 1871, æ. 25 yrs.

vi. SILAS WILLIAM TRUEMAN, b. May 27, 1820; d. unm. July 10, 1859.

vii. EUNICE TRUEMAN, b. Dec. 18, 1822; m. Thomas B. Moore, a lawyer of Moncton, N. B., who d. May 20, 1876. No children.

viii. ROBERT ALDER TRUEMAN, b. Aug. 22, 1825; living in Sackville, N. B.; educated at Mt. Allison University; m. Mary Barker Jewett of Sheffield, N. B., who d. May 8, 1899. Two children: 1. *Sarah Louisa*,[9] d. Oct. 16, 1885. 2. *Emma Cynthia*.

ix. MARY AMELIA TRUEMAN, b. Sept. 28, 1828; living in Truro, N. S.; m. Rufus Freeman Black of River Philip, N. S. Five children: 1. *Ida Maria*.[9] 2. *Louisa Cynthia*, d. June 12, 1882. 3. *Albert Seymour*. 4. *Emmeline Amelia*. 5. *Mary Josephine*, m. Edw. Freeman Smith of Halifax, N. S., where they still live.

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CALVIN GAY[7] BENT (*Martin*,[6] *Jesse*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Fort Lawrence, N. S., Nov. 9, 1791; lived in Salem, N. S.; died Feb. 5, 1863, æ. 71. He married Annie Jones of Point de Bute, N. B., born June 11, 1796.

Children:

i. FANNIE E.,[8] d. Nov. 26, 1854, æ. 35; m. Robert Atkinson of Fort Lawrence. Three children: 1. *Iantha Elizabeth*,[9] d. young. 2. *Robert Byron*, d. young. 3. *John Calvin*.

435. ii. JOHN.
iii. HARMON, lived in Salem, N. S.; m. Sarah Chapman. Three children: 1. *George.* 2. *Alonzo.* 3. *Gay.*
436. iv. MARTIN.
v. AMY ANN, d. April 7, 1863, æ. 27; m. Henry Taylor of Salem, N. S. One child, *Florence,*[9] d. Aug. 10, 1871, æ. 18.

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MARTIN[7] BENT (*Martin,*[6] *Jesse,*[5] *John,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Fort Lawrence, N. S., July 30, 1793; died in Fort Lawrence, Oct. 5, 1875, æ. 82. He married, Jan. 12, 1819, Amelia Chapman, born April 28, 1800, died Oct. 8, 1875, daughter of Henry Chapman of Point de Bute, N. B.

Children:

i. JAMES ROBERTS,[8] b. Feb. 25, 1820; living unm. in San Diego, California, whither he went when a young man.
ii. CYNTHIA MATILDA, b. Sept. 20, 1822; living in Moncton, N. B.; m. first, July 8, 1863, Mariner Wood of Sackville, N. B., who d. Aug. 11, 1875; m. second, April 26, 1890, in Montreal, Rev. John Prince of Moncton, N. B. No children.
iii. JOSEPH BENSON, b. Aug. 11, 1825; living unm. on the old homestead at Fort Lawrence, N. S.
iv. SARAH ANN, b. April 15, 1828; living in Sackville, N. B.; m. Nov. 16, 1847, Edward Trueman of Point de Bute, N. B. Five children: 1. *Clifford Bent,*[9] d. unm. in 1894. 2. *Herbert Gore,* a dentist in San Francisco; went to California when a boy; m. and has three sons. 3. *James E.,* a physician, formerly of Athol, N. S., now of St. José, Cal.; m. Alice, dau. of George R.[8] Bent (*q. v.*). 4. *Clarence,* a merchant in Amherst, N. S. 5. *Amelia,* m. Herbert Harrington, a shipping merchant in Sydney, Cape Breton.
v. SILAS EDWARD, b. Aug. 13, 1831; carpenter; living unm. in San Francisco, Cal.
vi. JONAS CUTLER, b. 1834; d. 1838.
vii. VICTORIA AMELIA, b. Feb. 14, 1837; living in Amherst, N. S.; m. Jan. 16, 1872, Abram Stevens of Pugwash, N. S. Two children: 1. *Harold,*[9] in business in Amherst, N. S.; m. Grace Tingley of Dorchester, N. B. 2. *Clarence,* living with his parents.
viii. CHARLES MARTIN, b. Oct. 20, 1839; living on the old homestead at Fort Lawrence, N. S.; m. Feb. 9, 1885, Mrs. Hannah (Embree) Goodwin, dau. of William Embree of Amherst. No children.

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EUNICE CONVISS[7] BENT (*Martin,*[6] *Jesse,*[5] *John,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]) was born in Fort Lawrence, N. S., Feb. 15,

1796; died in Point de Bute, N. B., May 9, 1867. She married, Jan. 7, 1817, Robert Keillor Trueman, who died Oct. 17, 1872.

Children:

i. JAMES[8] TRUEMAN, living in Hampton, N. B.; m. Jane Charlotte Black of Amherst, N. S., who d. May 20, 1886. Two children: 1. *Seraph Augusta*,[9] m. first, Henry Charles McMonagle, a lawyer of St. John, N. B., who d. June 12, 1881; m. second, Howard D. McLeod of St. John, N. B. 2. *Alexander*, d. young.

ii. SERAPHINA AMELIA TRUEMAN, m. John Wesley McLeod (his second wife); moved from New Brunswick to Newark, N. J., where he d. Sept. 8, 1888, æ. 83. Six children: 1. *Amy Louisa*.[9] 2. *Robert Trueman*, living in Point de Bute, N. B. 3. *Eunice Amelia*. 4. *Calvin Jewell*, d. 1856. 5. *Margaret Des Brisay*, m. David Perry Johnson of Newark, N. J. 6. *John Alexander*, d. 1861.

iii. CALVIN GILBERT TRUEMAN, d. unm. May 12, 1846, æ. 22.

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SERAPHINA[7] BENT (*Martin*,[6] *Jesse*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Fort Lawrence, N. S., Sept. 5, 1798; lived at River Philip, N. S.; died Nov. 12, 1880, æ. 82. She married Richard Hewson, born 1793, died Nov. 12, 1872. Their home was for many years the regular stopping place for the mail coaches running between St. John and Halifax.

Children:

i. JAMES[8] HEWSON, living at River Philip, N. S.; m. Mary L. Purdy. Five children: 1. *Fannie*, living in Boston; m. ——— Lothrop. 2. *Belle*. 3. *Clement*. 4. *Trueman*. 5. *James*.

ii. MARY ELIZA HEWSON, d. unm. June 7, 1895.

iii. EUNICE HEWSON, d. Feb. 21, 1881, æ. 56; m. Rufus Thompson of Oxford, N. S. Five children: 1. *Richard*. 2. *Freeman*. 3. *Howard*. 4. *Inglis*. 5. *Emma*.

iv. MARTIN HEWSON, lived at River Philip, N. S.; moved to San Francisco, Cal., where he d. in April, 1871, æ. 45; m. Miss Atkinson. Three children: 1. *Bessie*. 2. *Nathan*. 3. *Hibbert*.

v. RUFUS FREEMAN HEWSON, lived in Oxford, N. S.; d. Dec. 2, 1891, æ. 62; m. Clementina Church, granddaughter of Arethusa[6] (Bent) Church (*q. v.*). Three children: 1. *Arthur*. 2. *Walter*. 3. *Ida*.

vi. CYNTHIA HEWSON, d. in 1866; m. Wesley Oxley of Wallace Bay, N. S.; no children.

vii. SILAS HEWSON, d. in Amherst, N. S., in 1885; m. Elizabeth King of Westmoreland Point, N. B. Three children: 1. *Lillian*. 2. *Gertrude*. 3. *Chandler*.

viii. GEORGE DERBY HEWSON, living in Oxford, N. S., where he has been for many years identified with the large woolen mills; m. Eliza Black of River Philip, N. S. Four children: 1. *Harvey Lee.*[9] 2. *Edgar Ellis*, a lawyer in Amherst, N. S. 3. *Louise Matilda.* 4. *Marie Olivia.*

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JAMES VALENTINE[7] BENT (*Martin*,[6] *Jesse*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Fort Lawrence, N. S., Oct. 18, 1800; taught school in Halifax, N. S., and Westmoreland, N. B.; moved in 1826 to Cornwallis, King's County, N. S., where he died May 8, 1893, æ. 92. He was captain of a militia company and a justice of the peace; had a keen intellect, and retained his faculties to the end of his long life. He married, Dec. 1, 1829, Eliza Ann, daughter of George Robinson of Cornwallis, N. S., where she died Nov. 16, 1872, æ. 61.

Children, all born in Cornwallis, N. S.:

437. i. GEORGE ROBINSON,[8] b. Jan. 28, 1831.
ii. SAMUEL SMITH, b. Feb. 13, 1832; farmer; living unm. in Cornwallis, N. S.
iii. JAMES MARTIN, b. 1834; d. 1838.
iv. LUCY ANN, b. 1835; d. 1838.
v. JAMES TRUEMAN, b. Aug. 6, 1838; physician; d. in Newfoundland, June 12, 1895; m. Aug. 10, 1878, Emily Squires. One son, *Edwin McGregor.*[9]
vi. CALVIN MARTIN, b. July 9, 1840; a merchant; living in Newfoundland; m. Mary Olderheads, a native of England. Three children: 1. *Ethel.*[9] 2. *Beatrice.* 3. *Gertrude.*
vii. AMY ANN, b. 1842; d. 1843.
viii. ANNE ELIZA, b. Aug. 23, 1844; living in Falmouth, Hants Co., N. S.; m. Nov. 7, 1872, William A. Smith. Four children: 1. *William Albert.*[9] 2. *Ethel St. Claire.* 3. *Percival*, d. young. 4. *Anne E.*, d. young.
ix. JOHN OWEN, b. Dec. 23, 1846; living in Windsor, N. S.; m. Dec. 5, 1888, Letitia White. Two children: 1. *Owen White.*[9] 2. *Percival E.*
x. BURPEE EDWIN, b. Jan. 10, 1848; living in Cornwallis, N. S.; m. Aug. 24, 1895, Ruth A. Finch.
xi. ROBERT TRUEMAN, b. June 10, 1850; optician; living in New Glasgow, N. S.; m. April 10, 1889, Jennie Noyes, who died Nov. 10, 1894. Two children: 1. *Jean McFall.*[9] 2. *Gladys.*
xii. EVA EUGENIE, b. Aug. 16, 1854; living in West Somerville, Mass.; m. in St. John, N. B., in 1890, Trueman H. Hewson. One child, *Winnifred.*[9]
xiii. ADA MARIA, b. Nov. 16, 1856; living unm. in Cornwallis with her brother Burpee.

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JOHN[7] BENT (*Martin*,[6] *Jesse*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born at Fort Lawrence, N. S., April 6, 1806, drowned June 14, 1875, crossing from Summerside, P. E. I., to Cape Jourimain, N. B. He took his father's farm, but in May, 1852, moved to Port Elgin, N. B., and embarked in a mercantile career. He married, March 4, 1828, Cecilia Anderson of Cole's Island, N. B., who was born Dec. 30, 1807, and died Sept. 11, 1887.

Children, all born at Fort Lawrence:

i. TINSON BUSBY,[8] b. July 22, 1829; d. in Port Elgin, N. B., Dec. 6, 1872, æ. 43; m. Oct. 8, 1863, Louisa Cary of Baie Verte, N. B., where she is still living. Five children: 1. *Harold Cary*,[9] b. 1866; d. 1867. 2. *Amy Caroline*, b. 1868; d. 1878. 3. *Albert William*, b. 1869; d. 1869. 4. *Tillie Tressa*, b. Sept. 12, 1870; m. June, 1895, Vincent Patton, a lawyer in Bridgewater, N. S. 5. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. 1872; d. 1876.

ii. EUNICE ELIZABETH, b. April 9, 1831; m. July 25, 1852, William White[7] Bent (*q. v.*).

iii. REBECCA ANN, b. 1833; d. 1835.

iv. MARINER WOOD, b. Dec. 23, 1834; moved in November, 1859, to Australia, where he still resides, at Quantong, Victoria; m. first, at Bendigo, Australia, Dec. 24, 1868, Jane Thornton, who d. at Bendigo, Oct. 17, 1881; he m. second, Aug. 16, 1883, at Castlemaine, Victoria, Elizabeth Holm, who d. in South Melbourne, Victoria, May 17, 1890. Four children by the first marriage, all born in Bendigo: 1. *John Thornton*,[9] b. Jan. 30, 1870. 2. *Amy Duraxa*, b. 1872; d. 1876. 3. *Cecilia Sarah*, b. Feb. 27, 1875. 4. *George*, b. and d. 1881. One child by the second marriage, *Mildred Victoria May*, b. 1886; d. 1887 at Bendigo.

v. GEORGE BOTSFORD, b. Oct. 11, 1836; went to sea when he was sixteen and has never been heard from since; probably lost in Dec. 1852.

438. vi. JAMES MARTIN, b. Aug. 28, 1838.

vii. AMY DURAXA, b. April 20, 1840; d. unm. Oct. 25, 1867, æ. 27.

viii. JOHN ANDERSON, b. 1842; d. 1843.

439. ix. ARTHUR WELLSLEY, b. Dec. 20, 1843.

x. CHARLES TUPPER, b. Dec. 16, 1845; living unm. with his brother in New Glasgow, N. S.

440. xi. CALVIN TRUEMAN, b. Aug. 6, 1848.

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SARAH[7] BENT (*E. Vose*,[6] *Jesse*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born at Fort Lawrence, N. S., in 1800. She married Robert Embree of Amherst, N. S., who owned a mill for getting out ship-building material.

Children:

i. EUNICE[8] EMBREE, m. Aaron Alexander Church, grandson of Arethusa (Bent) Church, and had two children: 1. *Dr. Jesse E.*[9] 2. *Sarah*, m. Fred Black of Amherst.
ii. RUFUS EMBREE, m. Ella Baird; three children.
iii. ANN EMBREE, m. Trueman Phalan; four children.
iv. LUCY EMBREE, m. Charles Smith of Amherst, N. S.; one son.
v. GEORGE EMBREE, m. Jane Smith of Wallace, N. S.; ten children.
vi. JOHN EMBREE, m. Emma Trueman; four children.

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AMY[7] BENT (*E. Vose,*[6] *Jesse,*[5] *John,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]) was born at Fort Lawrence, N. S., in 1804, and died in Nova Scotia in 1874, æ. 69. She married Joshua Black, who died in 1879, æ. 76.

Children:

i. HIRAM[8] BLACK, d. Oct. 1897; was a Legislative Councillor for many years; m. Elizabeth Smith of Maitland, N. S.; five children.
ii. EMMA BLACK, living in Moncton, N. B.; m. Alfred E. Chapman; no children.
iii. ELIZA BLACK, m. first, Harvey Black of Amherst, and second, John Church, a grandson of Arethusa (Bent) Church; no children.
iv. FANNY BLACK, m. George Doull of Amherst, N. S. (his second wife); no children.

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ALMIRA[7] BENT (*E. Vose,*[6] *Jesse,*[5] *John,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]) was born at Fort Lawrence, N. S., in 1806. She married John Embree, a farmer, of Amherst, N. S.

Children:

i. LEWIS[8] EMBREE, took his maternal grandfather's farm at Fort Lawrence; m. Miss Bliss of Amherst Point. Three children: 1. *Edmund.*[9] 2. *Douglas.* 3. *Ella*, m. Benjamin Chandler of Fort Lawrence.
ii. JESSE EMBREE, m. Sarah Lawrence; four children.
iii. HAZEN EMBREE, m. Louise Coates of Nappan, N. S.; six children.
iv. ARAMINTA EMBREE, m. 1874, Joseph Freeman[8] Bent of Fort Lawrence, son of Torrey Bent (*q. v.*).

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CYNTHIA[7] BENT (*E. Vose,*[6] *Jesse,*[5] *John,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]) was born at Fort Lawrence, N. S., in 1809, and died in Nova Scotia in 1891. She married George Fullerton of Half-way River, N. S.

Children:

i. JAMES[8] FULLERTON, m. Rebecca Barnes of Maccan, N. S., and lives at Half-way River. Five sons: 1. *Ford.*[9] 2. *Graham.* 3. *Charles D.* 4. *Main.* 5. *Berton.*

ii. ANDREW KERR FULLERTON, d. in 1857, æ. 22, while studying for the Presbyterian ministry at Mount Allison College, Sackville, N. B. A young man of great promise.

iii. BURGESS M. FULLERTON, lives at Half-way River, N. S.; m. Rosamund Lawrence. Four children: 1. *Laura C.*[9] 2. *Annie.* 3. *Walter.* 4. *George.*

iv. SARAH J. FULLERTON, m. Albert T. Fullerton of Half-way River. Seven children: 1. *Harvey.*[9] 2. *William.* 3. *Morton.* 4. *Minnie.* 5. *Alice.* 6. *Clinton.* 7. *Bessie.*

v. RUTH L. FULLERTON, d. in 1859, æ. 17.

vi. VOSE B. FULLERTON, d. in 1880, æ. 35; m. Ella Fullerton. Three children: 1. *Varley B.*[9] 2. *Mary E.* 3. *Jessie B.*

vii. DOUGLASS G. FULLERTON, m. Ella A. Logan of Amherst, N. S., and settled at Point de Bute, N. B. Six children: 1. *Lottie M.*[9] 2. *Myrtle L.* 3. *Kate S.* 4. *Helen D.* 5. *Roy de Mille.* 6. *Carl Walter.*

viii. ALICE C. FULLERTON, d. in 1876, æ. 25; m. Rev. Murdock McKinnon, a Presbyterian clergyman living in Ottawa, Ont. Three children: 1. *Eva.*[9] 2. *George.* 3. *Forrester.*

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WILLIAM FREEMAN[7] BENT (*Jesse,*[6] *Jesse,*[5] *John,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]) was born at Fort Lawrence, N. S., in 1799; lived for some time at Pugwash, N. S. He married Abigail, daughter of Adjutant Thomas Chapman.

Children:

i. PAMELIA,[8] m. James Ferguson of Pugwash, N. S.; six children.

ii. CHARLOTTE LUSBY, d. April 19, 1891, æ. 67; m. June, 1857, Rev. John Shaw Smith, a clergyman of the Church of England. Two children: 1. *Montague Albert Blowers Smith,*[9] M.D. in Dartmouth, N. S., b. in Milton, P. E. I., Aug. 10, 1860. 2. *Mary Rachel,* unm.

441. iii. RUFUS FREEMAN, b. Dec. 26, 1825.

iv. ELIZA, m. Alexander Dewar of Pugwash, N. S.; both dead.

v. EUNICE AMELIA, d. 1868; m. Henry Black of Pugwash, N. S. Two daughters: *Emma*[9] and *Ella,* both married and living near Boston.

vi. GEORGE CHAPMAN, living unm. in Nicola, B. C.

vii. BARRY, d. young.

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SAMUEL[7] BENT (*Jesse,*[6] *Jesse,*[5] *John,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born at Fort Lawrence, N. S., in 1801, and moved to River Philip, N. S., where he died in 1881. He married, first,

Mary Duncan, sister of Robert Duncan, M. P.; married second, in 1844, Sarah Gray, who died at River Philip in 1867.

Child, by first marriage:

i. CHARLES,[8] farmer, living in Oxford, N. S.; has been twice married.

Children by second marriage, all born at River Philip:

i. JANE AUGUSTA,[8] b. 1845; living in Biddeford, Me.; m. June 27, 1870, Capt. Henry P. Atkinson of Sackville, N. B. Seven children: 1. *Gertrude Mary Bent*,[9] b. May 16, 1871. 2. *Milton Stanley*, b. March 15, 1873. 3. *Harry Livingstone*, b. Nov. 2, 1876. 4. *Carlyle Peterselia*, b. April 30, 1878. 5. *Emily Clifford*, b. June 26, 1880. 6. *Violet Anna*, b. Jan. 7, 1883. 7. *Beatrice Clarinda*, b. April 29, 1886.

ii. EARL GRAY, b. 1847; living at River Philip, N. S.; m. 1876, Jane, dau. of Hugh McClennon. One child, *Fred*,[9] b. 1878.

iii. LEMUEL, b. 1850; living in Oxford, N. S.; m. in 1881, Sarah Atkinson. Two children: 1. *Frank*.[9] 2. *Ernest*.

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MATILDA[7] BENT (*Jesse*,[6] *Jesse*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born at Fort Lawrence, N. S., in 1804. She married John William Smith of Amherst, N. S., a native of England.

Children:

i. MARY ANN[8] SMITH, m. Atchison Moffatt of Amherst, N. S. Five children: 1. *James*,[9] living in Amherst, N. S. 2. *Mary*, living unm. 3. *Eliza*, m. Mr. Moran. 4. *Charles*. 5. *Arthur*.

ii. HARRIET SMITH, living unm.

iii. CAROLINE SMITH, m. Samuel Lusby.

iv. CHARLES SMITH, m. Miss Embree; one son.

v. BOTSFORD SMITH, m. Mary, dau. of Torrey Bent (*q. v.*).

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ANN[7] BENT (*Jesse*,[6] *Jesse*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born at Fort Lawrence, N. S., 1806. She married James Smith of Fort Lawrence.

Children:

i. ELIZABETH[8] SMITH, m. Martin Chapman of Fort Lawrence. Six children: 1. *Sarah*,[9] m. Martin Trenholn of Fort Lawrence. 2. *Bliss*, living unm. 3. *Benjamin*. 4. *Matilda*, m. Alonzo Dobson of Jolicure, N. B. 5. *Stewart*. 6. *Alice*, living unm.

ii. JANE SMITH, m. Oscar Black of Amherst Shore, N. S. Four children: 1. *Arminella*,[9] m. Adam Trueman of Point de Bute, N. B., and moved to Colorado. 2. *Benson*. 3. *Lalia*. 4. *Annabell*.

iii. ELIZA SMITH, m. Thomas Roach of Amherst, N. S. Two children: 1. *James.*[9] 2. *Annie*, m. Lorenzo Wood.

iv. EDWARD SMITH, m. first, Miss Lowther of Mount Whatley, N. S. Five children. He m. second, Eliza Chapman of Point de Bute.

v. BENSON SMITH, living in California. Six children: 1. *Josephine.*[9] 2. *James.* 3. *John.* 4. *Alice.* 5. *Jennie.* 6. *Edward.*

vi. HARVEY SMITH, living in California. Seven children; 1. *Marguerite.*[9] 2. *Frances.* 3. *Mary.* 4. *Annie.* 5. *Clarence.* 6. ———. 7. ———.

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SUSAN[7] BENT (*Jesse,*[6] *Jesse,*[5] *John,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]) was born at Fort Lawrence, N. S., 1809. She married first, George Chapman of Fort Lawrence; married second, Bradley Etter of Point de Bute, N. B.

Child by first marriage:

i. ALBERT[8] CHAPMAN, living in Boston, Mass.

Children by second marriage:

i. RUPERT[8] ETTER, m. Lottie Carter of Westmoreland Point, N. B. Nine children: 1. *Walter.*[9] 2. *Arabella.* 3. *Mary.* 4. *Alice.* 5. *Ada.* 6. *Hazen.* 7. *Carrie.* 8. *Dora.* 9. *Nellie.*

ii. ANNIE ETTER, m. Frank Siddall of Woodpoint, N. B. Four children.

iii. THOMAS ETTER, m. Miss McFarlane. Four children.

iv. HIRAM ETTER, killed when about 20 years old.

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TORREY[7] BENT (*Jesse,*[6] *Jesse,*[5] *John,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]) was born at Fort Lawrence, N. S., 1811; d. at Fort Lawrence, Nov. 25, 1897, æ. 86; lived on the old place settled by his grandfather in 1764. He married, Jan. 21, 1840, Pamelia Lusby of Amherst, N. S., born Feb. 12, 1814, died April 26, 1882, daughter of Luther Lusby, a native of England.

Children, all born at Fort Lawrence, N. S.:

i. JOSEPH FREEMAN,[8] d. Dec. 20, 1880; m. March 24, 1874, Araminta Embree, who d. about two years after marriage. She was a dau. of John and Almira (Bent) Embree (*q. v.*). One child, d. in infancy.

442. ii. BLAIR BOTSFORD.

iii. MARY, b. April 11, 1847; living in Amherst, N. S.; m. Feb. 7, 1876, her cousin, G. Botsford Smith, a retired merchant, b. Oct. 5, 1844, son of J. W. and Matilda (Bent) Smith. No children.

iv. JANE, d. young.

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JANE[7] BENT (*Jesse*,[6] *Jesse*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born at Fort Lawrence, N. S., Dec. 4, 1813; died in Point de Bute, N. B., November, 1878. She married, in 1840, Andrew Reed Chapman, a farmer of Cloverdale, N. B., where they lived until 1869, when they moved to Point de Bute, where he died November, 1874.

Children:

i. ANNIE AMELIA[8] CHAPMAN, m. Capt. Alfred Taylor of Dorchester, N. B. Eight children: 1. *Evelyn Alberta*,[9] m. Elton Cochrane of Petitcodiac, N. B. 2. *Minnie Jane*, m. Clifford Chapman of Rockland, N. B. 3. *Roslyn*. 4. *Stephen*. 5. *Blair*. 6. *Edith*. 7. *Alfred*. 8. *Alvin*.

ii. MARY MULVENA CHAPMAN, m. Samuel Bishop of Rockland, N. B. Seven children: 1. *Clinton*.[9] 2. *Charles*. 3. *Walter*. 4. *Chester*. 5. *Leslie*. 6. *Alberta Jane*. 7. *Clarence Nelson*.

iii. ROSLYN OLIVIA CHAPMAN, d. about 1876 or '77; m. October, 1864, Capt. David Taylor. Three children: 1. *Ada*,[9] d. 1874. 2. *Wesley H.* 3. *Robert*.

iv. LUCINDA LUCRETIA CHAPMAN, m. Hiram Trenholm of Point de Bute, N. B. Eight children: 1. *Mary Isabel*,[9] m. Alex. Clark Chapman. 2. *Alma Eliza*, d. ———. 3. *Ada Aletha*, m. Mr. Whitney of Malden, Mass. 4. *Roslyn Laura*. 5. *William Aldrich*. 6. *Arthur Lemuel*. 7. *Louise Ardell*. 8. *Meta Adenda*, d. ———.

v. WILLIAM CHAPMAN, d. unm.

vi. ISABEL PAMELIA CHAPMAN, m. Bedford A. Culton of Jolicure, N. B. Six children: 1. *Berton*.[9] 2. *Minnie*. 3. *Myrtle*. 4. *Dora*. 5. *Annie*. 6. *Aubrey*.

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JESSE[7] BENT (*Jesse*,[6] *Jesse*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born at Fort Lawrence, N. S., 1816; settled in Leicester, N. S.; d. September, 1891. He married first, Susanna Black of Amherst, N. S., who died in 1864; married second, Elizabeth Donkin of Pugwash, N. S., who died August, 1867; married third, Mary King of River Philip, N. S., who died in 1889. No issue by last marriage.

Children by first marriage:

i. BEDFORD,[8] living in Halifax, N. S.

ii. WILLIAM.

Child by second marriage:

i. MARY AMELIA,[8] b. July 24, 1867; brought up by her uncle Lemuel; m. June 25, 1889, Samuel Freeman of Amherst, N. S., grandson of Eunice[6] (Bent) Freeman (*q. v.*). Three

children: 1. *Fretia Marie*,[9] b. Nov. 5, 1891. 2. *Ina Loneta*, b. July 14, 1893. 3. *Samuel Bent De Monts*, b. March 23, 1896.

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ALBERT[7] BENT (*Lemuel*,[6] *Jesse*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Amherst, N. S.; died in Amherst Head, N. S. He married Mary Ann Rockwell.

Children:

i. FRANK,[8] d. young.
ii. ETHAN ALBERT, living unm. at East Amherst, N. S.
iii. MARY CYNTHIA, living at East Amherst; m. Rolland McLellan. One dau., *Laura Vera*.

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VOSE[7] BENT (*Lemuel*,[6] *Jesse*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), school teacher, was born in Amherst, N. S.; died in East Amherst. He married Jane Rockwell, who died ———.

Children:

i. FLORENCE,[8] d. young.
ii. SILAS MINER, m. ———; living in P. E. Island. Five children.
iii. JAMES EDWARD, d. unm.
iv. LEMUEL ENDICOTT, lived in Auburn, Me., but a few years ago moved to Massachusetts.
v. BERTHA ELIZABETH, m. Fred Hansen.
vi. LALIA ELLEN, d. unm.

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BENJAMIN PAGE[7] BENT (*Lemuel*,[6] *Jesse*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), stone mason, was born in Amherst, N. S.; living at Amherst Head, N. S. He married Harriet O'Neil.

Children:

i. CHARLES,[8] living in Amherst, N. S.; m. Margaret O'Tule. Five children.
ii. NELLIE, living in New York; m. James Johnson.
iii. MAY, living in Boston, Mass.; m. Herbert Newcomb. Two children.
iv. WILLIAM, living in Port Elgin, N. B.; m. and has one daughter.
v. WALTER, m. and has two children.
vi. FRANK, living unm. in Amherst.
vii. BESSIE, d. young.

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EDWARD[7] BENT (*John*,[6] *John*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), miller, was born in Amherst, N. S., Dec. 28, 1815; lived about two and one half miles from Amherst, where he died July, 1891, æ. 75.

Children:

i. ERASTUS,[8] living in Spring Hill, N. S.
ii. Daughter, m.——— Lowe.
iii. AUGUSTA, m. W. H. McDonald of Amherst, N. S., who d. Feb. 18, 1899.

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JOHN[7] BENT (*John*,[6] *John*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), carpenter, was born in Amherst, N. S., Oct. 3, 1819; died in Brookdale, N. S., Jan. 22, 1899, æ. 79. He married first, ——— ———; married second, Ann Black.

Children:

i. CHARLES,[8] living.
ii. ALEBINIA, d. ———.
iii. CLIFFORD, d. of consumption, leaving two daughters.
iv. ARTHUR, living.
v. JOHN, living.

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CHARLES[7] BENT (*John*,[6] *John*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Amherst, N. S., Jan. 10, 1826; living in Truro, N. S. After preparation at Sackville Academy, N. B., he entered the Medical School of the University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, Pa.), from which he received the degree of M.D. in 1847. His first years of practice were in Cumberland County, N. S., but in 1853 he located in Truro, where he has remained in steady practice ever since. He has been surgeon of a volunteer company, coroner of the county, trustee of the schools, town councillor for two years and mayor two years. He married first, in 1855, Mary R. Goudy of Truro, who died in 1868; married second, in 1871, Elizabeth Metzler of Truro.

Children of Charles and Mary R.:

i. MARY.[8]
ii. CHARLES.
And two others who died.

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WILLIAM WHITE[7] BENT (*John*,[6] *John*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Amherst, N. S., Aug. 24, 1831; living in Brookdale, formerly a part of Amherst, on the farm where he was born. He married, July 25, 1852, Eunice Elizabeth, born April 9, 1831, daughter of John[7] Bent of Port Elgin, N. B. (*q. v.*).

Children, all born in Brookdale, N. S.:

443. i. GEORGE HIBBARD,[8] b. May 11, 1853.

ii. MARY EMMA, b. March 4, 1855; d. May 17, 1876; m. April 29, 1875, Smith Chapman.

iii. ALICE DEMILL, b. May 9, 1857; living in Sackville, N. B.; m. Feb. 13, 1883, Thomas Patterson, b. April, 1853. Five children: 1. *Oressa Madge*,[9] b. Nov. 11, 1883. 2. *John Harold*, b. April 21, 1887. 3. *Allan Steele*, b. Jan. 1, 1889. 4. *William Bent*, b. 1891; d. 1895. 5. *Oscar S.*, b. 1894, d. 1895.

444. iv. MARINER SAMUEL, b. Sept. 27, 1859.

v. ENSLEY MILES, b. Aug. 26, 1861; contractor and builder in Chicago; m. Nov. 15, 1897, Laura E. Booge. One child: *Ensley M.*,[9] b. Feb. 22, 1899.

vi. MARTHA CECILIA, b. April 25, 1866; professional nurse; living in Brookdale, N. S.; m. Dec. 21, 1886, Samuel J. Coates. Two children: 1. *Emma Ethel Maude*,[9] b. March 14, 1887. 2. *Roland Dunbar*, b. Nov. 30, 1888.

vii. JESSIE EDNA BLANCHE, b. June 11, 1874; music teacher in Spring Hill, N. S.

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FREDERIC W.[7] BENT (*William White*,[6] *John*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), lawyer, was born in Amherst, N. S., Feb. 20, 1840; living in Hartwell, near Cincinnati, Ohio; practised some years in Amherst. He married, Sept. 9, 1867, Emma Elizabeth McLeod, grand-daughter of Cynthia (Bent) Trueman.

Child:

i. MAY STANWOOD,[8] b. Dec. 8, 1868; m. Nov. 23, 1896, Frederic J. Christie of Amherst, N. S. One child: *Dorothy McLeod Christie.*

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JOHN HUGH[7] BENT (*Ezra*,[6] *John*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), carpenter, was born in Amherst, N. S., April 12, 1830; died in Watertown, Mass., April 19, 1898, æ. 68; moved from his ancestral home in Nova Scotia to Boston, Mass., in 1872. He married, June 8, 1857, Sophia Augusta Ferguson, born Sept. 14, 1833.

Children, all born in Amherst, N. S.

i. MARY ELIZA,[8] b. April 12, 1861; living unm. in Watertown, Mass.

ii. GEORGE EDGAR, b. Jan. 8, 1866; a house and sign painter; residence Dorchester, Boston, Mass.; m. Aug. 23, 1890, Anna Belle Townsend, b. in Maine, June 20, 1866. One child: *Harold Townsend*,[9] b. Feb. 4, 1892, in Roxbury, Mass.

iii. CHARLES FRANKLIN, b. June 6, 1868; hardware dealer; residence Watertown.

iv. ELEANOR, b. May 28, 1872; living unm. in Watertown.

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SAMUEL GLOVER[7] BENT (*Shepherd*,[6] *Ebenezer*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Milton, Mass., Jan. 21, 1799, and about 1823 moved to Marshfield, a small but beautiful mountain town in central Vermont, where he died Sept. 18, 1880, æ. 81. When a young man he learned the trade of making spinning wheels. In Marshfield, he cleared the farm where the railroad station now stands, but twelve years later moved to west part of the town. He was a class leader in the M. E. church for several years. He married, Jan. 6, 1826, Sally Bartlett Dwinell, who was born in Marshfield, Jan. 23, 1806, and died in Marshfield, Jan. 27, 1894, æ. 88.

Children, all born in Marshfield:

i. LEWIS,[8] b. Nov. 22, 1826; d. unm. in Marshfield, June 22, 1886.

ii. EUNICE, b. July 15, 1829; d. unm. in Marshfield, Oct. 4, 1891.

iii. MARY, b. March 23, 1834; d. in North Calais, Vt., July 6, 1881; m. September, 1861, Dexter Stephen Goodell, who saw service in the Mexican and Civil wars, and d. July 19, 1878. One child, *Mary Ann*,[9] b. May 25, 1862, lives unm. with her uncle Charles C.

iv. MARTHA, b. May 29, 1836; d. unm. in Marshfield, July 31, 1885.

v. CHARLES CLARK, b. Aug. 9, 1838; farmer and dairyman in Marshfield; unm.

vi. DAVID PACKER, b. Aug. 20, 1841; enlisted Sept. 1, 1861, in 4th Vermont Vols., and d. in the hospital at Washington, D. C., May 19, 1862.

vii. SALLY EMMA, b. Oct. 12, 1848; d. in Marshfield, Jan. 7, 1863.

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ALBERT ADAM[7] BENT (*Adam*,[6] *Ebenezer*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in South Boston, Mass., June 5, 1809, and died in South Boston, Nov. 1, 1876, æ. 67. He was a salt dealer on Long Wharf, Boston, first with his uncle Samuel Blake, and then with the latter's son George Pynson Blake. He married, Feb. 21, 1833, Sarah Glover, who was born in Dorchester, Mass., Sept. 3, 1809, and died in San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 31, 1885, æ. 76, daughter of Alexander and Jemima (Tolman) Glover.

Children, all born in South Boston:

i. GEORGE A.,[8] b. 1834; d. 1840.

ii. JAMES, b. 1836; d. 1842.

iii. EDWARD FRANCIS, b. Oct. 23, 1838; living in San Francisco, Cal., his home since Nov. 1, 1862; m. first, Aug. 9, 1860, Frances Amelia Thornton, b. in Boston, Feb. 1, 1840, d. Sept. 11, 1861, dau. of John and Elizabeth B. (Perry) Thornton;

m. second, May 23, 1866, Frances Caroline Hubbard. One child by first marriage d. in infancy.

445. iv. HERBERT, b. Sept. 14, 1840.

v. JOHN TROWBRIDGE, living in Los Angeles, Cal.; employed by the L. W. Blinn Lumber Co. Saw three months service in the civil war. Went to the Pacific Coast in 1867. He m. Sept. 28, 1883, Mary Jane, dau. of William and Martha Stevens. One child: *Herbert M.*[9] *Bent*, b. in San Francisco, Cal., March 2, 1886.

vi. AGNES BLAKE, living in San Francisco; m. Franklin Heywood.

vii. SARAH ELLA, living in San Francisco; m. Joseph Hewett, who d. ———. One child: *Josie*[9] *Hewitt.*

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GEORGE ELBRIDGE[7] BENT (*Adam*,[6] *Ebenezer*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in South Boston, Mass., July 28, 1811, and died in Thurlow, Pa., June 18, 1898, æ. nearly 87. For several years he was a commission merchant on State Street, Boston, but in 1861 moved to Pennsylvania, where he was associated with the management of the Phila. Wil. & Balt. R. R., and subsequently became purchasing agent of the Pennsylvania Steel Company's store at Steelton, Pa. He married, Aug. 31, 1843, Martha Conway Felton, who was born Oct. 12, 1815, sister of Cornelius Conway Felton, Jr. (1807–1862), President of Harvard University, and Samuel Morse Felton, referred to below.

Children, all born in South Boston:

446. i. GEORGE CONWAY,[8] b. July 11, 1844.

ii. CLARA FELTON, b. Nov. 12, 1846; living unm. in Chester, Pa.

447. iii. CORNELIUS CONWAY FELTON, b. July 3, 1849.

iv. ANNIE MORSE, b. April 6, 1851; living unm. in Chester, Pa.

v. MARY BLAKE, b. Dec. 2, 1855; living unm. in Chester, Pa.

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HENRY BLAKE[7] BENT (*Adam*,[6] *Ebenezer*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in South Boston, Mass., Feb. 1, 1826, and died in Steelton, Pa., June 26, 1894, æ. 68. He was employed in the Boston store of Bent & Bush, hatters, until about 1860; lived in Elizabeth, N. J., and Washington, D. C., and subsequently became connected with the Pennsylvania Steel Co. at Steelton, Pa.

He married in Boston, Aug. 14, 1856, Emeline Perry Thornton, who was born at Nantucket, Mass., May 26, 1837, and died in Steelton, Pa., Oct. 2, 1897, daughter of John and Elizabeth B. (Perry) Thornton.

Children, i. to iii. born in South Boston, iv. to vi. in Elizabeth, N. J.:

i. EMMA THORNTON,[8] b. May 6, 1858; living in Philadelphia; m. in Steelton, April 26, 1893, William Elwood Taylor.
ii. FANNY ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 9, 1860; d. 1861.
iii. FRANCIS HENRY, b. Oct. 23, 1861; d. 1862.
iv. CHARLES PYNSON, b. Aug. 19, 1864; living in Philadelphia.
v. HENRY BLAKE, b. July 6, 1868; living in Steelton, Pa.
vi. MABEL VIRGINIA, b. Nov. 5, 1872; living in Steelton, Pa.

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NATHANIEL BOWMAN[7] BENT (*Ebenezer*,[6] *Ebenezer*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born April 15, 1809, in Quincy, Mass., where he died March 18, 1851, æ. 42. He married in Annisquam (Gloucester), Mass., Feb. 17, 1833, Elizabeth A. Sargent, who was born March 23, 1814, and died in Quincy, Feb. 14, 1892.

Children, all born in Annisquam, except ii. b. in Quincy:

i. HELEN FRANCES,[8] b. March 8, 1834; d. in Quincy, Jan. 24, 1889; m. Sept. 14, 1881, Henry Bailey, who d. in Boston, Sept. 6, 1888; no children.
ii. WARREN ADELBERT, b. March 4, 1836; living in Boston; m. Jan. 1, 1881, Nancy Maria Munroe, b. Sept. 1838; no children.
iii. CHARLES MORRIS, b. April 5, 1838; living unm. in Quincy, Mass.
iv. FITZ EDWARD, b. March 1, 1840; living in Elizabeth, N. J.; was capt. of Co. B, 60th Mass. Inf'y in Civil War; m. Sept. 11, 1873, Laura A. Browne, b. in Newark, N. J., Nov. 4, 1851; no children.
v. GEORGE (twin), b. July 20, 1844; m. Oct. 14, 1875, Anna Spaulding of Port Hudson, Mich., b. there March 10, 1852; no children.
vi. GEORGIANA (twin), b. July 20, 1844; living in Quincy, Mass.; m. in Chicago, Ill., Aug. 25, 1881, John Winslow Russell, b. in Medford, Mass., April 26, 1846. One child, *Arthur Edmund*,[9] b. in Chicago, Feb. 24, 1883.
vii. MARY ELIZABETH, b. June 12, 1846; living in Washington, D. C.; m. Oct. 17, 1867, Lowell Augustus Chamberlin, b. in Malden, Mass., Dec. 18, 1838, capt. Co. C, 1st Artillery, U. S. A., d. at San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 9, 1889. Five children: 1. *Helen Mary*,[9] b. at Fort Trumbull, Conn., Aug. 8, 1868. 2. *Isabella Silvey*, b. at Sackett's Harbor, N. Y., July 30, 1869. 3. *Lowell*, b. at Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island, N. Y., Jan. 27, 1871. 4. *Grace*, b. and d. in Quincy, 1874. 5. *Ann Bent*, b. at Fortress Monroe, Va., May 29, 1879.

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EBENEZER[7] BENT (*Ebenezer*,[6] *Ebenezer*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Quincy, Mass., Dec. 18, 1820, and died in Steelton, Pa., Jan. 21, 1890. He married at Quincy, Nov. 3, 1869, Mrs. Elvira (Crane) Smith, who was born in Dorchester, Mass., Sept. 15, 1839, and died in Baltimore, Md., Dec. 11, 1895, daughter of Capt. Friend and Harriet Crane. Mrs. Bent rendered valuable assistance in gathering material for this branch of the family.

Child, born in Quincy:

i. HARRIET STEDMAN,[8] b. Nov. 12, 1871; living in Baltimore, Md.

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WINSLOW BRIGHAM[7] BENT (*Ebenezer*,[6] *Ebenezer*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Quincy, Mass., Nov. 15, 1825, and is living in Steelton, Pa. He married in St. Louis, Mo., March 10, 1859, Mrs. Jane Elizabeth (Tomlinson) Wilcox, who was born in Stonington, Conn., Nov. 17, 1829, and died in Steelton, Pa., June 29, 1890, æ. 60.

Children, i. and ii. born in San Francisco, Cal., iii. and iv. in Ann Arbor, Mich.:

i. SHELDON TOMLINSON,[8] b. July 25, 1860; has lived in Cuba, but is now in Mexico, where he has been Supt. of the Railroad between Mexico and Vera Cruz; at present engineer of a new road being built; m. in Gardiner, Me., Sept. 7, 1893, Grace Bartlett Cooke.

ii. ALICE, b. June 2, 1862; living in Steelton, Pa.; m. in Steelton, June 2, 1884, Edgar Conway Felton,* b. April 13, 1858, graduated from Harvard in 1879; president of the Pennsylvania Steel Company, of which his father, Samuel M. Felton (1809–1889), was the first president. Mr. Felton has been much interested in the Bent genealogy. Six children, all born in Steelton: 1. *Margaret*,[9] b. July 15, 1885. 2. *Eleanor*, b. Jan. 29, 1887. 3. *Samuel Morse*, b. June 12, 1889. 4. *Cornelius Conway*, b. April 18, 1893. 5. *Edgar Conway*, b. May 15, 1894. 5. *Winslow Bent*, b. Nov. 9, 1896.

iii. JEANIE, b. Aug. 28, 1866; d. Nov. 21, 1866.

iv. EDITH, b. Oct. 18, 1873.

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LUTHER STEDMAN[7] BENT (*Ebenezer*,[6] *Ebenezer*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Quincy, Mass., Dec. 6,

* A descendant in the eighth generation from Nathaniel Felton, one of the early settlers of Salem, Mass.

1829, and is living in Overbrook, a suburb of Philadelphia, Pa. He has a summer home at Annisquam, Mass. Like Major-General Nelson A. Miles he was educated in a Boston crockery store. After three years spent on a farm he went to Boston at the age of fifteen and entered the employ of the New England Glass Company, whose manufacturing establishment at East Cambridge was then one of the most extensive in the United States. There he remained five years, acquiring an excellent mercantile education, as well as a thorough knowledge of the glassware and crockery business. Upon coming of age he embarked in this business with the firm of Atkins, Stedman & Co., which about 1855 became D. B. Stedman & Co., and was thus engaged when the Civil War broke out. As speedily as possible he arranged his business affairs and, May 22, 1861, enlisted as a private in Co. H, 4th Mass. Infantry. The regiment proceeded at once to Fortress Monroe, thence to Newport News and finally to Big Bethel, where a fierce battle was waged. Upon the expiration of his term of service, three months, he re-enlisted, Aug. 24, 1861, as 1st Sergt. of Co. K, 18th Mass. Infantry, and participated in all of the battles in which that regiment, attached to the Army of the Potomac, was engaged, including Gaines Mills, second Bull Run (in which he was wounded in the hand), Shepardston and Fredericksburg in 1862, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Rappahannock Station and Mine Creek in 1863. He became 2d lieut. July 30, 1862, 1st lieut. Dec. 25, 1862, capt. Dec. 24, 1863, and major July 29, 1864. In the operations along the Weldon Railroad during the latter part of August (1864) he led his battalion, capturing, on the 21st of the month, fifty prisoners and a battle flag belonging to the 27th South Carolina Regiment. In the advance of the Fifth Corps upon the enemy's works at Peeble's Farm, Sept. 30, 1864, which resulted in the capture of a line of the enemy's works, his command did good service, reflecting great credit upon its members, both rank and file. Shortly afterwards, on the recommendation of General Griffin, he was commissioned by President Lincoln as major in the U. S. Army, and at the same time by the State of Massachusetts a lieut.-colonel; but the term of service of the officers having expired and the battalion being greatly reduced in numbers, it was consolidated with the 32d Mass. Regiment, and Major Bent, at his own request, was mustered out as a supernumerary officer.

"Peace hath her victories no less renowned than War." Since the rebellion the gallant major has distinguished himself in the management of another kind of steel. Although he went West immediately and filled various positions in the employ of the Union Pacific R. R. during the construction of that road, and was for a time engaged in cattle raising on the plains in Nebraska, where he was one of the pioneers, in 1874 he became superintendent of the Pennsylvania

MAJOR LUTHER S. BENT, OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Steel Company at Steelton (Baldwin's Station it was then), Pa., and after the death in 1889 of his father-in-law S. M. Felton, president, from which position he retired in 1896 in favor of Edgar C. Felton. The plant of this company, which is located on the Susquehanna, three miles below Harrisburg, is one of the largest in the country. The company, organized in 1865 (the buildings were erected in 1866 and 1867), made for the Pennsylvania R. R. the first steel rails ever produced in America on an order in the regular course of business. To this company Major Bent gave the full force and strength of his life. Starting in with an operation employing eight hundred men, he left it with an army of nearly eight thousand. At the outset steel rails were its only product; at the close of his active career the company was turning out at its various plants everything known to the art of steel manufacture, including ships, engines and bridges. Even now, as chairman of its executive committee, he still takes an active interest in the company's affairs.

In 1875 Major Bent was keenly interested in the incorporation of the borough of Steelton, and one of the most perplexing questions which arose was how to provide school facilities for the rapidly increasing population. As president of the school board he succeeded in securing from the Pennsylvania Steel Company a large appropriation, which was ample enough to build and equip one of the largest and finest school houses in the State. During his residence in Steelton his interest in the borough was unflagging. To the young and old, to their health, welfare and education, he paid strict attention, and every reasonable means were employed to make the borough a model settlement. He always took an active interest in its business enterprises and was foremost in the establishment of its bank and flour mills, as well as its electric railway systems. When he was elected president of the Pennsylvania Steel Company the duties of his new office called him to Philadelphia, and in 1890 it was with much reluctance he left the town he had so long and so well served.

In 1890 he was elected chairman of the Jurugua Iron Co., Ltd., controlling extensive iron ore mines in eastern Cuba. Since his connection with the Jurugua Company he has been active in many business operations in Cuba, having been more recently chosen vice-president of the Cuban Steel Ore Co. During his life-time he has also turned his attention to railway enterprises, and is at the present time president of the Baltimore & Sparrow's Point R. R. and a director of several of the allied roads of the Pennsylvania system.

At this time he is on the following boards: Steelton National Bank, Harrisburg National Bank, Harrisburg Trust Co., Penna. Steel Co., Maryland Steel Co., Jurugua Iron Co. Ltd., Cuban

Steel Ore Co., Edison Portland Cement Co., Solid Steel Casting Co., Earn line Steam Ship Co. and several other boards of lesser importance.

Major Bent married in Thurlow, Pa., Jan. 12, 1871, Mary Stearns Felton, who was born Jan. 11, 1842, half-sister of Edgar Conway Felton and daughter of Samuel Morse Felton, who was president of the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore R. R. before and during the Civil War, and, from its organization until his death, president of Pennsylvania Steel Co.

Children, i. born in Annisquam, Mass., ii. in Thurlow, and iii. in Steelton:

i. FELTON,[8] b. June 26, 1872; living with his father; graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy in 1891 and from Williams College in 1895; entered the railway and manufacturing business and is at present Supt. and Treas. of the Solid Steel Casting Co.

ii. STEDMAN, b. June 10, 1876; living with his father; entered the employ of Penna. Steel Co. at the age of nineteen and is now purchasing agent of the Penna. and Maryland Steel Co's.

iii. QUINCY, b. July 28, 1879; a student in Williams College, class of 1901.

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LAWRENCE[7] BENT (*Samuel*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Wilmot, N. S., Sept. 15, 1798; moved about 1822 to Queensborough, York County, N. B., and thence after his marriage to Maugerville (twelve miles below Fredericton), N. B., where he died March 20, 1882, æ. 84. He married Huldah White of Grand Lake, N. B., who died March 6, 1892, æ. 92.

Children:

i. SAMUEL LEONARD,[8] m. Fannie Miles. One child, *Ambrose*,[9] d.

ii. SUSANNAH, living in Kingsclear, N. B.; m. Joseph Holyoke; one child.

iii. MARY ELIZABETH, m. Frederick Miles.

iv. WILLIAM HENRY, living in Maugerville, N. B., where he is post master; m. Maria Avery. Two children: 1. *Mary Alberta*,[9] unm. 2. *Charles Leonard*, unm.

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SAMUEL[7] BENT (*Nedabiah*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Wilmot, N. S., in 1791. He married, in 1815, Theodosia Crabb.

Children:

448. i. WILLIAM,[8] b. 1815; m. first, Mary Durland; m. second, Kezia Whitney.

ii. SARAH, b. 1817; d. unm.
iii. ELEANOR, b. 1821; m. Silas Grant(?).
iv. ANN, b. 1823; d. unm.
v. JAMES, b. 1825; m. Lydia Charlton. One daughter, *Rachel*,[9] who m. Albert Hall.
449. vi. NEDABIAH, b. 1827; m. first Ann Longdale, and second Mary McEarly.

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JESSE[7] BENT (*Nedabiah*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Wilmot, N. S., in 1801, and died April 16, 1868; lived in Aylesford, N. S. He married, Jan. 1, 1826, Mahala Kniffen, who was born in 1806 and died Jan. 5, 1874.

Children:

i. ISRAEL W.,[8] b. Dec. 30, 1829; d. Aug. 11, 1838.
ii. ANGELINA, b. Dec. 17, 1830; m. Nov. 2, 1860 (his 2d marriage), Samuel Tufts (1810–1876), farmer, of Albany, N. S.
iii. MERCY E., b. Jan. 31, 1832; m. Nov. 25, 1855, Alfred Phinney of Lawrencetown, N. S.
iv. GEORGE EDWARD, b. 1834; d. young.
v. LYDIA MARIA, Oct. 23, 1836; d. Jan. 29, 1861; m. John Murray Bolsor of Salem, N. S.
450. vi. HENRY FARIN, b. March 26, 1839.
vii. HARRIET S., b. Oct. 16, 1842; d. unm. April 23, 1871.
viii. ELLEN A., b. Jan. 16, 1845; d. March 20, 1858.
ix. EMMA JANE, b. Dec. 6, 1846; d. unm. Aug. 23, 1875.
x. CHARLES W., b. Sept. 9, 1849; d. Feb. 4, 1870.
xi. JESSIE E., b. April 4, 1853; m. April 11, 1880, Jonathan Woodbury of Albany, N. S. One child, *Louisa*, b. 1881.

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EZEKIEL[7] BENT (*Nedabiah*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Annapolis County, N. S., in 1803, and died July 10, 1883, æ. 80. He married first, in 1828, Fannie Bolsor, who died in 1850; married second, in 1854, Betsey Barteaux, who died in 1891.

Children of Ezekiel and Fannie, all b. at Mount Handly, N. S.:

i. NEDABIAH,[8] d. young.
ii. EDWARD, b. 1834; d. unm. in New York State in 1852.
iii. RACHEL, b. 1834; m. 1860, Isaac Langley. Six children: 1. *Rosella*.[9] 2. *Adelia*. 3. *Caroline*. 4. *Margaret*. 5. *Emma*. 6. *David*.
451. iv. JOSEPH, b. 1838.
v. DAVID, b. 1841; farmer; living in North Kingston, Aylesford, N. S.; m. in 1865, Margaret Nixon.

vi. MARTIN, b. 1843; living in Aylesford; m. 1893, Mary Levindet. One child, *David*.[9]
vii. CAROLINE, b. 1846; living in Aylesford; m. 1889, Isaac Cloury.

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JOHN[7] BENT (*Seth*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Annapolis County, N. S. He married Phebe Miller.

Children:

i. MARGARET,[8] d. unm.
ii. SARAH ELINOR, m. Abraham Slocomb.
iii. JANE.

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CHARLES GRANDISON[7] BENT (*Seth*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Annapolis County, N. S., and was one of the first settlers of Springfield in that county, where he died about 1869. He married, in 1842, Mary, daughter of Obadiah and Eliza Saunders, who died March 4, 1890, æ. about 71.

Children, all born in Springfield, N. S.:

i. SOPHRONIA J.,[8] b. 1843; living at Kingston Station, King's Co., N. S.; m. John Walker.
ii. SUSANNA M., b. 1845; living at Kingston Station; m. Carlton Neily.
iii. CHARLES W., b. 1847; d. unm. at Kingston Station in 1882.
452. iv. JAMES E., b. 1849; m. Mary Gates.
453. v. JOSEPH F., b. about 1850; m. Emma Gates.
vi. LYDIA M., b. about 1852; living at Kingston Station; m. Holmes Cassidy.
vii. ADA M., b. about 1853; living in Truro, N. S.; m. Isaac Barron(?).
viii. LAVINIA C., b. about 1856; living in Springfield, N. S.; m. Jacob Roop.
ix. JOHN F., b. about 1860; living at Kingston Station; m. Louisa Curtis; five children.
x. NORMAN, b. about 1862; living in North Conway, N. H.; m. Mary Drew; two children.
xi. FENWICK W., b. 1865; bicycle dealer; formerly of Bethlehem, N. H.; now living in West Quincy, Mass.; m. Edith Griggs.
xii. ENA MAY, b. 1867; living in Portsmouth, N. H.; m. Arthur Richardson.

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GEORGE[7] BENT (*Jesse*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Annapolis County, N. S., in 1813. He married Ellen MacSweeney.

Children:

i. CHARLES E.[8]
ii. MARY E.
iii. WILLIAM G., m. in Australia.

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AMBROSE[7] BENT (*Jesse*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in 1817 in Annapolis County, N. S., where he still lives at Paradise, a hamlet in Wilmot, the largest town in the county. For more than half a century, he has been one of the largest apple growers in a county which exports annually an average of 40,000 barrels. He was one of the first to ship apples to England (1849), and the first to send them to Boston in any quantity (1856). He married first, Amoret Morse; married second, Eunice Ross; married third, Clara Foster.

Child of Ambrose and Eunice:

i. WILLIAM MALCOLM.[8]

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EDMUND[7] BENT (*Jesse*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Annapolis County, N. S., in 1822, and is living in Bridgetown, N. S., where he has been Register of Deeds for several years. He married first, Amanda Starratt; married second, Sarah Freeman; married third, Mrs. Elizabeth (Albee) Chesley.

Children:

i. GEORGE.[8]
ii. FRANCES, m. Charles S. Alley.
iii. FREDERICK.

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JOHN HARRIS[7] BENT (*John*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Granville, N. S., in 1815, and is living in Belleisle, Granville, N. S. He married Eunice, daughter of Jesse and Deborah (Bent) Dodge.

Children:

454. i. JOHN ALBERT,[8] b. 1862.
ii. HENRY HARRIS, b. 1866; living unm. in Granville Centre, N. S.

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WILLIAM HENRY[7] BENT (*John*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Annapolis County, N. S., in 1817. He married Caroline Gesner.

Children:

i. ELIZABETH CAROLINE.[8]
ii. CATHERINE.
iii. SNEDEN, d. unm.
iv. HENRY HARRIS, d. unm.
v. JACOB, living unm. in Granville Centre, N. S.
vi. AILSIE.
vii. FAMITCHA.
viii. HORATIO CUNNINGHAM, d. unm.

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ROBERT[7] BENT (*Ebenezer*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Annapolis County, N. S., in 1810. He married, 1839, Theresa Hicks.

Children:

i. LUCY,[8] b. 1840; d. unm.
ii. EMILY, b. 1842; d. unm. 1865.
iii. MARGARET, b. 1844; m. Stephen Young.
iv. CAROLINE, b. 1845; m. Henry Murch.
v. ELLEN MAUD, b. 1847; m. Hiram Longmire.
vi. ANNIE M., b. 1849; m. Daniel Young.
vii. JOHN RUSSELL, b. 1852; m. Elizabeth Milbury. Three children: 1. *Howard Newton.*[9] 2. *Justina.* 3. *Ermina.*
viii. WILLIAM DENCH, b. 1855.

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HENRY[7] BENT (*Ebenezer*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Annapolis County, N. S., in 1812. He married Olivia Miller.

Children:

i. AARON,[8] d. unm.
ii. ABEL, m. Sarah Morrison.
iii. HIRAM, d. unm.
iv. SARAH JANE, m. John McCormick.
v. MOSES, d. unm.
vi. ARTHUR, d. unm.
vii. ALTON, an Episcopalian clergyman; living in Pugwash, N. S.; m. Laura Calnek. Two children: 1. *Lewis Rowland.*[9] 2. *Alton Aubrey.*
viii. LUVOSE.

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EZRA[7] BENT (*Ebenezer*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Annapolis County, N. S., in 1819. He married Ann, daughter of Calvin Phinney.

Children:

i. JACOB F.,[8] m. Eunice Milbury. One child, *Janet.*[9]
ii. IRENE, m. ——— Goddard.

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ABRAHAM[7] BENT (*Ebenezer*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Annapolis County, N. S., in 1824, and is living in Belleisle, Annapolis County, N. S. He married Mary Young.

Children:

i. EBENEZER,[8] living in Belleisle, N. S.; m. Frances Milbury. One child, *Ernest*.[9]
ii. AUGUSTA.
iii. SYLVESTER, farmer; living in Belleisle; m. Arminilla Gesner. One child, *Archibald*.[9]
iv. EZRA, living unm. in Upper Granville, N. S.
v. ARDENIA, unm.
vi. ADA, unm.
vii. MARGARET, m. Horatio Gesner.
viii. EMILY, m. John Hayden.
ix. GEORGE, living unm. in Belleisle.
x. ABRAM, unm.
xi. ELLA MAUDE.

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JACOB FRITZ[7] BENT (*Ebenezer*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), master mariner, was born in Annapolis County, N. S., in 1827, and is living at Granville Ferry, N. S. He married first, Elizabeth Witherspoon; married second, Caroline[6] Bent.

Children:

i. JACOB.[8]
ii. DORA.
iii. ERMINA, m. John Albert[6] Bent.

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JOSEPH[7] BENT (*Elias*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Granville, N. S., in 1816. He married Elizabeth Stedman.

Children:

i. WALTER OWEN,[8] farmer in Granville Centre, N. S.
ii. MARY GERTRUDE, m. Witham Parker.
iii. JOHN HENRY, living unm. in Granville Centre.

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SAMUEL[7] BENT (*Charles*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in 1822, in Granville, N. S., where he still lives. He married Mary Abraham.

Children:

i. JOHN EDWARD,[8] living unm. in Granville Centre, N. S.
ii. ELLEN ST. CLAIRE, unm.
iii. ANDREW, farmer; living in Granville Centre.
iv. JANET.
v. ESTELLA.

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BENJAMIN[7] BENT (*Charles,*[6] *Samuel,*[5] *Ebenezer,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]) was born in Annapolis County, N. S., in 1824. He married Kezia Young.

Children:

i. ALICE.[8]
ii. SAMUEL, d. unm.
iii. MAUD.
iv. MARY.

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DANIEL[7] BENT (*Charles,*[6] *Samuel,*[5] *Ebenezer,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]) was born in Annapolis County, N. S., in 1826. He married Elizabeth Oliver.

Children:

i. MARY,[8] m. James Blair.
ii. CHARLES, m. ———.
iii. CYNTHIA.
iv. ROBERT.

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GEORGE[7] BENT (*Lemuel,*[6] *Nedabiah,*[5] *Ebenezer,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]), stone cutter, was born April 21, 1803, in Quincy, Mass., where he died Aug. 6, 1876, æ. 73. He married first, Hannah ———, who died Nov. 4, 1837; married second, March 15, 1838, Harriet Leonard of Dedham, Mass.; married third, April 17, 1845, Sarah Bartlett, born at Mount Vernon, Me., Sept. 5, 1812, died in Quincy, July 18, 1896, æ. 83.

Children of George and Hannah, born in Quincy:

i. ANN,[8] b. about 1829; d. Jan. 22, 1898; m. May 24, 1847, Frederick Souther.
ii. MARY ELIZABETH, living in Boston; m. ——— Whittemore.
455. iii. GEORGE APPLETON, b. 1834.

Children of George and Harriet, born in Quincy:

i. JAMES M.,[8] b. Oct. 31, 1838; d. unm. in Weymouth, Mass., April 6, 1869.
456. ii. WILLIAM HARRISON, b. Jan. 28, 1840.
457. iii. JOHN QUINCY, b. Jan. 16, 1842.
iv. LUTHER M., b. January, 1844; d. at Georgetown, D. C., Oct. 1, 1862, of wounds received in the civil war.

Children of George and Sarah, born in Quincy:

458. i. SAMUEL BARTLETT,[8] b. Sept. 15, 1846.
ii. SARAH ADELAIDE, b. Dec. 16, 1847; living unm. in Quincy.
iii. LEMUEL FREDERICK, b. Aug. 2, 1850; d. in Quincy, Aug. 5, 1871; m. July 31, 1870, Georgiana Lingham, who m. again Dec. 25, 1872, Albert H. Deally. One son, *Frederick L.*[9] *Bent*, b. Aug. 8, 1871; living in Wollaston; m. and has one child.
iv. ISAAC PORTER, b. May 12, 1852; living in Quincy, Mass.; m. May 12, 1878, Dora G. King of Braintree; no children.

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ISAAC[7] BENT (*Lemuel*,[6] *Nedabiah*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Quincy, Mass., June 3, 1805, and died in Quincy, April 4, 1837. He married in Dorchester, Mass., Dec. 2, 1830, Sarah C. Webb, born in Deer Isle, Me., Jan. 17, 1808. She married second, Walter Herrick of Brooklin, Me., and died Sept. 26, 1872.

Children, all born in Quincy, Mass.:

i. ISAAC,[8] b. 1831; d. 1832.
ii. ELIZABETH SARAH, b. Oct. 18, 1832; m. Sept. 8, 1857, Capt. Prentiss Orlando Hooper, a seafaring man of Brooklin, Me.; has lived since 1861 in Providence, R. I. Two children: 1. *Alice Maud*,[9] living unm. in Providence. 2. *Ralph Burnside*, b. Sept. 3, 1862; m. Dec. 8, 1887, May Louise Leeds, and lives in San Francisco, Cal.

459. iii. ISAAC JAMES, b. Oct. 23, 1834; writes his name James I.
iv. MARY ANN, b. Dec. 31, 1836; living in Providence, R. I.; m. Jan. 10, 1863, Capt. John W. Tibbetts of Brooklin, Me., who d. in Providence, May 15, 1863.

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SAMUEL[7] BENT (*Lemuel*,[6] *Nedabiah*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), stone cutter, was born June 30, 1812, in Quincy, Mass., where he died Aug. 23, 1845, æ. 33. He married first, June 23, 1831, Nancy B. Colburn, who died in Braintree, Mass., March 27, 1842; married second, in 1842, Mary Littlefield, who married again, Oct. 18, 1849, Eliakim Turner (1805–1867) of Quincy.

Children by the first marriage, all born in Quincy:

i. MARY FRANCES,[8] b. June 10, 1832; living in Melrose, Mass.; m. Nov. 22, 1855, Edward Kent Norcross, who d. Nov. 24, 1881. Six children; only two living; one the wife of Albert O. Parlin of West Somerville, Mass.
ii. HENRY FRANKLIN, b. Sept. 17, 1833; living in Melrose; m. Melinda Sheffield of Dixfield, Me. One child, a daughter, living in Reddington Mills, Me.

iii. JAMES WARREN, b. June 14, 1835; farmer; has lived in Boscawen, N. H., since 1845; saw service in the civil war in 2d U. S. Sharpshooters; m. July 5, 1869, Eliza J. Pritchard of Boscawen; no children.

iv. ELIZA ANN, living in Lewiston, Me; m. first, Edwin Webber of Peru, Me; four children. She m. second, ——— Dickens of Lewiston; no children.

v. WILLIAM HARRISON, b. 1840; living in Peru, Me; m. Mary Elizabeth Barrows of Peru; no children.

Child by second marriage:

i. NANCY JANE, b. 1844; d. ———; m. Oct. 9, 1862, Robert Josselyn of Quincy, Mass. One child, d. young.

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SAMUEL BROWN[7] BENT (*Isaac*,[6] *Nedabiah*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in New Sharon, Me., July 24, 1801; moved, in 1851, to western part of Vienna, Me., where he died May 6, 1882, æ. 80. He married, May 11, 1828, Susannah Graves of Vienna, who was born June 8, 1800, and died April 28, 1863, daughter of Jacob Graves.

Children, all born in New Sharon:

i. SARAH GRAVES,[8] b. May 1, 1829; d. July 4, 1887; m. March, 1859, Joseph Daniels of Vienna, Me.; no children.

460. ii. JOHN MARDEN, b. Sept. 1, 1830.

461. iii. ELBRIDGE GRAVES, b. Feb. 11, 1832.

iv. JOANNA M., b. July 29, 1835; living at Farmington Falls, Me.; m. Nov. 15, 1856, Merrill Brown of Vienna, Me. Four children: 1. *Viola S.*[9] *Brown*, b. Oct. 30, 1857; m. March 4, 1881, Loren M. Chapman of Madrid, Me. 2. *Elmer A. Brown*, b. Feb. 28, 1861; m. April 10, 1889, Ethel L. Jones of Pugwash, N. S. 3. *Nora M. Brown*, m. June 6, 1890, Frank L. Childs of Farmington Falls. 4. *Bertha Brown*.

462. v. ISAAC APPLETON, b. Nov. 20, 1836.

vi. JACOB G., b. Feb. 3, 1840; d. unm. in Vienna, March, 1875.

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HIRAM[7] BENT (*Isaac*,[6] *Nedabiah*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in New Sharon, Me., Aug. 26, 1806; moved to Mt. Vernon, Me., where he died in Sept. 1884, æ. 78. He married Betsey McGaffy of Mt. Vernon, who died ———.

Children:

i. ANGELINE B.,[8] b. August, 1832; d. several years ago.

ii. DAVID M., b. August, 1840; living in Massachusetts; m. Miss Wells of Mt. Vernon, Me. One son, *Ernest*.[9]

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JOSIAH[7] BENT (*Josiah*,[6] *John*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), clergyman, was born in Milton, Mass., Oct. 1, 1797, and died in Amherst, Mass., Nov. 19, 1839. After graduating from Harvard College in 1822 he studied theology at Princeton, N. J., a year, and, Oct. 13, 1824, was ordained pastor of the First Congregational Church of Weymouth at North Weymouth, Mass., where he remained until Oct. 10, 1833. Feb. 5, 1834, he was installed at the Orthodox Church in Falmouth, Mass., where he was the spiritual adviser for three years. In 1837 he became pastor of the First Church of Amherst, remaining until his death. He delivered a Fourth of July oration at Braintree in 1826, and, Nov. 28, 1832, an historical address of Weymouth, both of which were published.

He married, in Albany, N. Y., Oct. 25, 1824, Paulina Rice, who was born in Sudbury, Mass., Feb. 24, 1800, and died in Springfield, Mass., July 11, 1889, daughter of Ithamar and Sarah (Dunn) Rice.

Children, all born in Weymouth, except vi. born in Amherst:

463. i. JOSIAH,[8] b. Aug. 2, 1825.

ii. PAULINE RICE, b. April 15, 1828; living in West Springfield, Mass.; m. in South Hadley, Mass., Aug. 14, 1849, Edwin L. Dickinson. Four children: 1. *Julia Pauline*[9] *Dickinson*, b. May 27, 1850; living in Oneida, N. Y.; m. Sept. 21, 1870, Theodore F. Hand, Jr. 2. *Edwin Henry Dickinson*, b. Oct. 16, 1855; graduated from Amherst College in 1879, Auburn Theological Seminary in 1882; now pastor of the North Presbyterian Church in Buffalo, N. Y.; m. June 29, 1882, Emma S. Carter of Brooklyn, N. Y. 3. *Marion Dickinson*, b. Dec. 2, 1863; living unm. in West Springfield, Mass. 4. *Bertha Dickinson*, b. July 16, 1870; educated at Wellesley College; m. Sept. 8, 1897, Robert Day White of West Springfield.

iii. SAMUEL ADAMS, b. July 4, 1829; d. February, 1854, in New Orleans, La., where he was principal of the Jackson Grammar School.

464. iv. HENRY KIRK WHITE, b. Oct. 29, 1831.

465. v. THATCHER TUCKER, b. Sept. 4, 1833.

vi. SUSAN DUNN, b. June, 1840; d. young.

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SAMUEL TUCKER[7] BENT (*Josiah*,[6] *John*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born Feb. 22, 1804, in Milton, and died in Dorchester, Nov. 2, 1885. From 1830 until 1837 he was associated with his brother-in-law, Samuel Adams, in the manufacture of Bent's

water crackers, the business established by his father at the beginning of the century. In the latter year he disposed of his interest and a year or two later joined his brother, H. Nelson Bent, in the West. About 1842 he returned to Milton, and during the rest of his life was superintendent of the cracker bakery. He was for many years superintendent of the Orthodox Sunday School in Milton and in his later days a member of the New-England Historic Genealogical Society. He married first, Nov. 4, 1830, Frances Bent Ashton, who was born in Boston, March 4, 1804, and died in Milton, Feb. 18, 1872, daughter of John and Sarah (Vinton) Ashton. He married second, June 5, 1873, Caroline E. Fuller, who died in Boston, May 11, 1895.

Children of Samuel T. and Frances, all born in Milton:

i. SAMUEL TUCKER,[8] b. Sept. 2, 1831; living with his brother in Milton; m. Dec. 10, 1863, Harriet Davenport Houghton of Milton, dau. of Jason W. and sister of George D.

ii. FRANCES MARIA, b. March 4, 1835; d. in Danvers, Mass., Sept. 1, 1899, æ. 64; m. Nov. 29, 1863, Jaazaniah Clark Pierce, who was born in Weymouth, Mass., March 21, 1823. One child, *Anna*,[9] b. in Boston, Aug. 20, 1873; m. Sept. 19, 1894, Leland Johnson Ross.

iii. ELIZA TAYLOR, b. Aug. 17, 1837; living in Dorchester, Boston, Mass.; m. Jan. 1, 1863, George Davenport Houghton of Milton. Two children: 1. *Ashton*,[9] d. ———. 2. *Fletcher*.

466. iv. GEORGE HENRY, b. Aug. 21, 1843.

v. SARAH ASHTON, b. Oct. 29, 1846; d. young.

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HORATIO NELSON[7] BENT (*Josiah*,[6] *John*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Milton, Mass., July 21, 1807, and died in the adjoining town of Hyde Park, Dec. 18, 1869, æ. 62. He began his career in a dry-goods store in Boston and in 1831 and 1832 was in business himself, the firm being Bliss & Bent. In the latter year he moved to Cohasset, where he was proprietor of the Black Rock House, an old-time hostelry, still in existence (though much enlarged) on the rocky shore of Massachusetts Bay. A few years later he went West, but subsequently returned and embarked in the dry-goods business in New York City. Two or three years before his death, with his health shattered, he transferred his home to Hyde Park. He married first, Josephine ———. He married second, June 8, 1853, Emma L. Birdsal, who afterwards married again.

Children, both by the second marriage:

i. EMMA NELSON,[8] b. 1855; d. in New York City in 1862; buried in Milton.

ii. FLORENCE, m. ———.

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NATHANIEL TUCKER[7] BENT (*Josiah*,[6] *John*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), clergyman, was born in Milton, Mass., July 30, 1810, and died in Worcester, Mass., Nov. 4, 1856, æ. 46. After studying with his brother, Rev. Josiah Bent, he entered Harvard College and graduated with honors in 1831 in a class that included such men as Wendell Phillips, John Lothrop Motley and Thomas Gold Appleton. He prepared for the ministry at the General Theological Seminary in New York City and finished his course of study with Bishop Griswold. His principal parishes were in New Bedford, Mass., St. John's in Charlestown, Mass., St. Paul's in Philadelphia, Pa., St. Thomas's in Taunton, Mass., and All Saints in Worcester 1849 to 1852. In the latter year he established an educational institution for girls, the Salisbury Mansion School, in Worcester, where his remaining years were spent. Several of his sermons and addresses have been published.

He married, June 18, 1834, Catherine Eliza Donaldson Metcalf, eldest daughter of Col. Eliab W. and Lydia Metcalf of Cambridge, Mass. She died in Taunton, Feb. 28, 1892.

Children:

467. i. CHARLES MCILVAINE,[8] b. Oct. 5, 1835.
468. ii. WILLIAM HENRY, b. Jan. 2, 1839.
iii. THOMAS CORUM, b. 1844; d. 1845.
iv. FRANK ALBERT, b. 1852; d. young.
v. FLORENCE B., b. 1852; d. 1863.

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EDWARD DEXTER[7] BENT (*John*,[6] *John*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Dedham, Mass., Feb. 7, 1817, and died at Sheboygan Falls, Wis., Jan. 21, 1899, æ. 82. He learned his trade, carriage and ornamental painting, in his native town and worked at it in Walpole, Boston (two years), Worcester (six years), Dedham and Northboro', Mass., Fitzwilliam, N. H. (1848 to 1854), and Providence, R. I. He went to Sheboygan Falls in June, 1858, but after living there two years removed to Waupun, Wis., where he made his home for fourteen years, two of which he was an official in the State prison there. Gifted by nature with a fine voice, he taught vocal music many years, besides giving concerts with his brothers and sister from 1845 to 1850 and later with his daughters Jennie and Julia.

He married first, Jan. 1, 1841, Mary Jane Hawes of Walpole, who died Aug. 10, 1853, and he married second, in July, 1856, Alice Whipple of Solon, Me., who died at Sheboygan Falls in Dec. 1860; he married third, Nov. 9, 1861, Mrs. Jennie Botsford.

Children of Edward Dexter and Mary J., i. born in Dedham, Mass., ii. in Worcester, Mass., iii. in Fitzwilliam, N. H.:

i. JENNIE,[8] b. March 8, 1842; d. in Sheboygan, Wis., Aug. 10, 1882; m. March 5, 1862, John J. Hanchett of Sheboygan Falls, Wis. Two children: i. *Fannie*,[9] b. Feb. 12, 1863; m. March 31, 1886, William Davis of Chicago, Ill. 2. *Frank*, b. 1866; d. 1877.

ii. JULIA, b. Feb. 7, 1844; d. May 30, 1884; m. in Waupun, Wis., July 15, 1864, Warren S. Cotes.

469. iii. EDWARD CLARENCE, b. Aug. 5, 1852.

Children of Edward Dexter and Alice, i. born in Fitzwilliam, N. H., ii. in Sheboygan Falls, Wis.:

i. MAE,[8] b. July 28, 1857; m. Sept. 20, 1883, Henry C. Day of Northampton, Mass., where they still reside. One child, *Harold*,[9] b. May 22, 1885.

ii. MAUD, b. March 1, 1859; m. Oct. 19, 1887, Leslie W. McIntire, a druggist in Solon, Me.; three children.

Child of Edward Dexter and Jennie, born in Waupun, Wis.:

i. MINNIE EDITH,[8] b. Nov. 15, 1863; m. June 18, 1884, William R. Simmons of South Evanston, Ill. He is in business in Chicago, Ill. Two children: 1. *Newell Lamont*,[9] b. March 9, 1885. 2. *Ethel M.*, b. Feb. 16, 1893.

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JOHN QUINCY[7] BENT (*John*,[6] *John*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Dedham, Mass., Feb. 7, 1817, and died in Worcester, Mass., May 15, 1893, æ. 76. He was a blacksmith by trade, but like his brothers had a fine voice and taught vocal music for many years besides leading the singing in church. He married, in Attleboro', Mass., July 16, 1841, Elizabeth Bowen Parmenter, who was born July 11, 1819, and died in Worcester, Dec. 25, 1898, daughter of Dexter and Susan (Alger) Parmenter.

Children of John Q. and Elizabeth, i. and ii. born in Providence, R. I., iv. to vi. in Grafton, Mass., vii. in Worcester:

i. JOHN EDWARD,[8] b. May 4, 1842; a jeweller in East Providence, R. I.; m. Aug. 14, 1861, Mary M. Clapp.

ii. FRANK HENRY, b. Nov. 28, 1843; d. in Providence, Nov. 14, 1883; m. July, 1881, Annie L. King of Somerset, Mass. One child, *Harry Dexter*,[9] b. Dec. 22, 1881.

iii. EMMA JOSEPHINE, b. April 3, 1845; m. April 6, 1866, Charles Bruso.

iv. CHARLES EUGENE, b. July 11, 1846; enlisted as a musician Sept. 30, 1862, though only 16 years old, and served nine months in Co. E, 42d Mass. Infantry. Dec. 9, 1863, he reenlisted for three years in 2d Mass. Heavy Artillery, was taken prisoner at the battle of Ball's Bluff, and died of starvation July 15, 1864, in Andersonville Prison, Ga.

v. LILLA M., b. 1850; d. 1853.
vi. LILLA MARIA, b. Nov. 18, 1855; m. April 17, 1879, William C. Pierce of Worcester, b. Feb. 6, 1855. One child, *Alice Lena*,[9] b. Sept. 11, 1880.
vii. LENA MEDORA, b. Nov. 21, 1857; m. Dec. 16, 1880, Gideon Bradford of Providence, R. I., where they still live. Two children, both born in Providence: 1. *Thomas Carr*,[9] b. Dec. 22, 1882. 2. *Lillian Medora*, b. Dec. 9, 1885.

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ELIJAH[7] BENT (*John*,[6] *John*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Dedham, Mass., May 27, 1823, and is living in Providence, R. I. He left his native town at sixteen and learned the baker's trade in Medfield, Mass., with Wesley P. Balch. Finding that his health would not allow him to follow this trade, he gave it up and in 1848 located in Providence, which, with the exception of a year and a half spent in Taunton, Mass., has been his home ever since. For twenty-four and a half years he was book-keeper for the Franklin Foundry and Machine Co., but since May, 1879, has been in the office of secretary of the State Board of Charities and Corrections. Since 1855 he has been a deacon in the Fourth Baptist Church. In addition he has been chorister, Sunday School superintendent, treasurer of the church, etc.

He married, Aug. 15, 1850, Mary Cooke Hull, who was born in Providence, Dec. 10, 1822, daughter of Thomas C. and Charlotte (Cooke) Hull.

Children, all born in Providence, R. I., except ii. born in Taunton, Mass.:

i. HERBERT ELIJAH,[8] b. May 23, 1852; d. March 21, 1857.
ii. JOHN STILLMAN, b. Oct. 23, 1853; d. March 11, 1857.
iii. MARIA LOUISE, b. Feb. 8, 1856; living unm. in Providence, R. I.
iv. FRANCIS SMITH, b. Aug. 9, 1860; travelling salesman for a New York wall-paper house; m. Mary L. K. Watrous. One child, *Kenneth Clarke*[9] *Bent*, b. Sept. 11, 1894.

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SALLY ANN[7] BENT (*Nathaniel*,[6] *John*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born May 31, 1814, in Milton, Mass., where she died Aug. 18, 1857, æ. 43. She married, May 12, 1842, Thomas Hews Hinckley, who was born in Milton, Nov. 4, 1814, and died in Milton, Feb. 15, 1897, son of Capt. Robert Hinckley. Mr. Hinckley was well known as an artist in Massachusetts and had exhibited in London at the Royal Academy. He had a studio in Milton from 1845 until his death, and made a specialty of animals. After the death of his first wife, he married second, Elizabeth Bass Esty.

Children of Thomas H. and Sally A. (Bent) Hinckley:

i. NATHANIEL BENT[8] HINCKLEY, b. Feb. 21, 1843; went to sea at 18, left it at 23, having been for eighteen months master's mate in U. S. Navy in the civil war; was in business nearly fourteen years in China; since 1879 has been in the West, and is at present in St. Paul, Minn., where he is Auditor and Asst. Treas. of the C. B. & N. R. R. Co.

ii. MARY HEWES HINCKLEY, b. April 6, 1845; has always lived in Milton.

iii. THOMAS LESLEY HINCKLEY, b. Jan. 13, 1849; d. Nov. 1, 1875.

iv. WILLIAM MESSINGER HINCKLEY, b. July 18, 1857; living in Colorado.

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WILLIAM HENRY[8] BENT (*Newell*,[7] *Thomas*,[6] *Jason*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Sudbury, Mass., Aug. 10, 1838; moved in 1866 to Waltham, Mass., where he died June 8, 1893, æ. 54. He married, Dec. 27, 1865, Caroline, daughter of John Taylor.

Children, all born in Waltham:

i. FREDERICK HENRY,[9] b. April 6, 1867; living in Waltham; employed in the National Exchange Bank, Boston; m. Sept. 7, 1892, Florence May, dau. of Levi Bowers.

ii. WILLIAM EDWARD, b. Aug. 20, 1873; living in Waltham; connected with the Bay State Lumber Co., Boston; m. Oct. 9, 1895, Blanche, dau. of Atwood Jackson of Waltham.

iii. HAROLD LESLIE, b. Sept. 1, 1885.

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JOHN HASTINGS[8] BENT (*Rufus H.*,[7] *Thomas*,[6] *Jason*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Brighton, now part of Boston, Mass., May 25, 1851, and died unmarried at the home of his sister in Denver, Col., Jan. 18, 1896, æ. 44, and was buried in Edgell Grove Cemetery, Framingham, Mass. Most of his life was spent in North Cambridge, Mass., where he was first in the furniture business in partnership with Milton Gage and later alone in the hardware business. In the summer of 1892 a lung trouble compelled him to seek the drier air of Colorado. The writer for many years enjoyed a close acquaintance with him, and takes this opportunity to testify to his genial disposition and genuine worth. He was, in the truest sense of the word, a *man*.

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FRANCIS FAIRBANKS[8] BENT (*Daniel F.*,[7] *Jason*,[6] *Jason*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Sudbury, Mass., July 17, 1845. He married, May 2, 1872, Mary M. Sheen, who was born in St. John, N. B., daughter of Joseph and Mary Sheen.

Children, all born in Newton, Mass.:

i. SARAH M.,[9] b. July, 1875; d. Dec. 31, 1887.
ii. DANIEL J., b. March 4, 1877.
iii. WILLIAM F., b. Sept. 21, 1878.

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JAMES EDWARD[8] BENT (*Daniel F.*,[7] *Jason*,[6] *Jason*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in 1848 in Sudbury, Mass., where he still lives. He married first, Jan. 28, 1871, Georgia Etta Garfield, who died Dec. 21, 1871, æ. 21, daughter of Calvin and Lydia Garfield. He married second, Sept. 7, 1875, Kezia, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Carr of Sudbury.

Children, all born in Sudbury:

i. FRED EDWARD,[9] b. Nov. 2, 1876.
ii. HENRY ALFRED, b. Sept. 8, 1880.
iii. ANGIE MAY, b. Oct. 17, 1882.
iv. NEWTON MERIAM, b. Feb. 24, 1888.

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CHARLES LESLIE[8] BENT (*Samuel*,[7] *Hyman*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born Oct. 23, 1860, in Gardner, Mass., where he is still living. He early went to work for the firm of S. Bent & Bros., chair manufacturers, and after the death of his father, in 1883, became a member of the firm. He married, Jan. 5, 1888, Emma Fisk Eaton, daughter of Franklin and Maria (Fisk) Eaton of Gardner.

Children, all born in Gardner:

i. SAMUEL HAROLD,[9] b. April 18, 1889.
ii. MARION, b. Feb. 16, 1891.
iii. RODERICK LESLIE, b. Jan. 9, 1895.

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ALLEN HERBERT[8] BENT (*A. Allen*,[7] *Hyman*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in the south village of Gardner, Mass., June 5, 1867, but since April, 1869, has resided in Boston, the part formerly the city of Roxbury. He was educated in the Boston public schools, graduating from the English High School in 1884, a Franklin medal scholar. From 1884 to 1892 he was employed in the wholesale crockery store of the late

firm of Norcross, Mellen & Co., but since Sept., 1894, has been in the office of Edward Hatch, auctioneer. He has written, besides the present history of the Bent family, an account of the Comee-Comey Family in America (50 pp., 1896), the Descendants of Walter Allen of Newbury, Mass., 1640 (66 pp., 1896), Col. Jabez Hatch of Boston, his Ancestry and Descendants (5 pp., 1897), and an account of the early generations of the Fenno Family in America (11 pp., 1898), the latter two, as well as the first nine pages of the Comee-Comey Family and a preliminary account of the early Bents (1894), being reprinted from the *New-England Historical and Genealogical Register*. An enthusiastic lover of the woods and hills, he has also written a few fugitive newspaper articles on snow-shoeing in the White Mountains and other out-door subjects.

He married, March 3, 1898, Cora L. Maynard, of Attleboro', Mass., born in the part of Smithfield, R. I., added to Woonsocket, in 1871, daughter of Daniel Harrison and Elizabeth (Banister) Maynard, and a descendant in the eighth generation from John Maynard, who settled in Sudbury, Mass., in 1639, near John[1] Bent. The line of descent is: Daniel H.,[7] Daniel[6] of Hawley, Mass., Daniel[5] of Hawley, Ebenezer[4] of Westboro', Mass., David[3] of Westboro', John[2] of Marlboro', Mass., John[1] of Sudbury.

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GEORGE HENRY[8] BENT (*Newell*,[7] *Newell*,[6] *Jonathan*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), insurance agent, was born June 19, 1836, in Cambridge, Mass., where he is still living. He married, Nov. 2, 1871, Georgiana, daughter of Edward Hixon of Cambridge.

Children, all born in Cambridge:

i. NEWELL,[9] b. June 20, 1873; graduated from Harvard College in 1895; now an instructor in the Fay School at Southboro', Mass.

ii. ELIZABETH HIXON, born Aug. 30, 1874; teacher in a private school in Boston.

iii. GEORGE EDWARD, b. May 29, 1877.

iv. SARAH CHAPLIN, b. March 26, 1887.

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WALTER TROWBRIDGE[8] BENT (*Newell*,[7] *Newell*,[6] *Jonathan*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), stock broker, was born in Cambridge, Mass., May 5, 1851, and is living in Framingham, Mass. He is a member of the firm of Joseph B. Ames & Co., Boston. He married, May 20, 1880, Emily F. Newton of Cambridge, born in Salem, Mass., Aug. 16, 1856, daughter of John H. and Emily M. (Jepson) Newton.

Children, i. and ii. born in Cambridge, the others in Framingham:

i. MARY EMILY,[9] b. June 8, 1881.
ii. WALTER GREGORY, b. July 20, 1884.
iii. LEAVITT NEWELL, b. Nov. 16, 1886.
iv. HAROLD TROWBRIDGE, b. April 11, 1891.
v. FRANKLIN AUGUSTUS, b. Dec. 24, 1892.

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ALFRED[8] BENT (*Charles*,[7] *Silas*,[6] *Silas*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Taos, N. M., Feb. 2, 1837; educated in St. Louis, Mo. He was murdered at Taos, Dec. 9, 1865, by a Spaniard who was known as Greek George. He married, Aug. 13, 1857, Guadaloupe Long, born Oct. 28, 1843, who married second, in 1867, George W. Thompson and lives in Sopris, a coal mining town in Colorado.

Children, all born in Taos:

i. CHARLES,[9] b. April 26, 1860; living in Trinidad (four miles from Sopris), Col., where he is engaged in stock raising; m. April 23, 1885, Fannie Sayre, b. in Cimarron, N. M., March 28, 1867. Four children, all b. in Colorado: 1. *Gladys Juanita*,[10] b. April 9, 1889. 2. *Frances Beatrice*, b. Sept. 27, 1891. 3. *Lupie Dearing*, b. Sept. 17, 1894. 4. *Nannie Marie*, b. Jan. 12, 1897.
ii. WILLIAM, b. May 31, 1862; farmer; living near Sopris, Col.; m. Oct. 24, 1884, Veroniz Wilkins. Four children: 1. *Della*. 2. *Eva*. 3. *Lucy*. 4. *Thomas*.
iii. SILAS ALFRED, b. Oct. 20, 1864; living unm. in Sopris.

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JAMES MCCLELLAND[8] BENT (*John*,[7] *Silas*,[6] *Silas*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), clergyman, was born in St. Louis, Mo., in April, 1841, and died in Bowling Green, Ky., Dec. 27, 1893, the result of injuries received in a runaway accident eighteen months previous. When twelve years old he was taken by his mother to Kentucky, where the rest of his life, with the exception of a few years, was spent. He was educated at Transylvania University, Lexington, Ky., and prepared for the ministry (Baptist) at Georgetown College (Ky.), from which he graduated with first honors in 1860. He was considered the finest Latin and Greek scholar that had graduated from Georgetown up to that time. He held pastorates in Augusta, Bowling Green, Covington and Millersburg, Ky., and Springfield, Mo. At the time of his fatal accident he was president of Liberty Female College at Glasgow, Ky. He was a man of culture and refinement and eminently successful as a pastor and as an educator. He married, Jan. 5, 1871, at Bowling Green, where she is still living, Sallie, daughter of Judge John Burnam.

Children:

i. OLIVE M.,[9] b. April 3, 1873.
ii. JOHN BURNAM, b. Oct. 1, 1874.
iii. SEDDIE, b. Jan. 4, 1880.
iv. SILAS, b. May 9, 1882.
v. NANNIE C., b. Nov. 19, 1883.

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JOEL WOODBURY[8] BENT (*William L.*,[7] *Joel*,[6] *Joel*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Wendell, Mass., July 24, 1846; living in Brighton, Boston, Mass. When three years old he went to Wisconsin with his parents, but returned to Massachusetts seven years later with his mother and made his home in Leverett until he was seventeen, when he started out for himself. After three years spent in New York State he came East again and in 1871 located in Boston. Since 1873 he has been foreman in the Brighton abattoir. He married, Aug. 29, 1872, Elizabeth, daughter of John and Eliza (Dougall) Huston of St. John, N. B.

Children, all born in Boston:

i. GERTRUDE MAY,[9] b. March 19, 1874; a graduate of the Normal School in Boston; a teacher in the Auburn School, Brighton.
ii. LUCINDA MARIAH, b. Aug. 16, 1875.
iii. WILLIAM DOUGALL, b. May 30, 1877.
iv. ELLA FLORENCE, b. Feb. 13, 1879.
v. ANNABELL, b. Sept. 29, 1880.
vi. JESSIE HUSTON, b. Jan. 17, 1884.
vii. JUSTIN WOODBURY, b. May 13, 1885.

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WILLIAM OSGOOD[8] BENT (*William L.*,[7] *Joel*,[6] *Joel*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Wendell, Mass., July 17, 1848; living in Hadley, Mass. He married first, in Shutesbury, Mass., Jan. 29, 1874, Harriet Celestia Barrows, who was born in Wilmington, Vt., June 25, 1844, and died in Charlemont, Mass., Feb. 11, 1888, daughter of Zerah and Mary (Alden) Barrows. He married second, in Hadley, Jan. 1, 1896, Ida May Whitman, who was born at Windsor Locks, Conn., June 7, 1856, daughter of Stillman Ford and Cynthia Steadman (Lathrop) Whitman.

Child, by first marriage, born in Heath, Mass.:

i. MAY EMILY,[9] b. Sept. 24, 1879.

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HORATIO GRIMES[8] BENT (*Horatio G.*,[7] *Samuel*,[6] *Joel*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in New Orleans, La., Nov. 22, 1857, but was taken two years later to Bloomington, Ill.,

where he still resides. He graduated from the Illinois Wesleyan University of Bloomington in 1879, and from the Law School connected with the same institution in 1882. With the exception of about nine months spent in St. Paul, Minn., he has since lived in Bloomington, where he is in active practice as a lawyer. For several years he has been a member of the board of education. He married, Aug. 25, 1880, Adah Crist of Bloomington, who was born April 23, 1859.

Children:

i. HORATIO CRIST,[9] b. June 23, 1881.
ii. LEWIS GRIMES, b. Sept. 25, 1885.
iii. JULIAN, b. Jan. and d. April, 1889.

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GEORGE[8] BENT (*Joseph K.*,[7] *Samuel*,[6] *Joel*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 25, 1840; moved, July 28, 1881, to Chicago, Ill., where he still resides. He is a travelling salesman for the largest lumber company in the world, the Edw. Hines Lumber Company. He married, March 16, 1864, at Florisant, Mo., Julia A. Taylor, who was born Oct. 18, 1844.

Children, all born in St. Louis:

i. LELIA S.,[9] b. Jan. 22, 1865; d. Nov. 27, 1865.
ii. CORA LEE, b. Oct. 16, 1866; m. Nov. 10, 1886, in Chicago, Ill., Willis E. Keeler of Belvidere, Ill.; no children.
iii. MARIE MARGUERITE, b. Aug. 16, 1869.
iv. BIRDIE B., b. March 26, 1872; d. Oct. 2, 1897; m. Jan. 11, 1892, Trueman L. Parkhurst of San Diego, Cal.; no children.
v. JUANITA, b. Jan. 1, 1877.

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WILLIAM MCDOWELL[8] BENT (*Cyrus H.*,[7] *David J.*,[6] *Rufus*,[5] *Elijah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Louisville, Ky., June 1, 1855; living in Covington, Ky. He graduated from Centre College, Danville, Ky., in 1875. November 15, 1879, he married Katie Paull Harrison of Louisville, who died March 3, 1881. Their only child, Paull, died Feb. 24, 1881. After the death of his wife and child he spent considerable time in travel, and then for a short time was in business in Kentucky. In Dec., 1885, he assumed the management of the Atlanta, Ga., house of the Chess Carley Co., which was soon merged into the Standard Oil Co., with whom he still remains. He was transferred in Nov., 1887, to the branch at Savannah, Ga., and recently to Cincinnati, O.

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GEORGE STARRATT[8] BENT (*Rufus*,[7] *David*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Granville, N. S., Nov. 1, 1822, and died March 30, 1884. He married, Jan. 18, 1855, Mary Ann Inglis.

Children, all born in Granville:

i. ANN ELIZABETH,[9] b. Feb. 1, 1856.
ii. FRANK FENWICK, b. Sept. 26, 1858; lives with his brother on farm in Belleisle, in the township of Granville, N. S., where his great-grandfather settled; m. Dec. 30, 1891, Amelia Goodwin.
iii. AMANDA STARRATT, b. Sept. 8, 1861; m. Dec. 31, 1890, Albert Goodwin; three children.
iv. LAURA JEAN, b. April 20, 1864; m. Dec. 18, 1889, Lemuel Elliott; three children.
v. MINNIE DE WOLF, b. April 27, 1867; m. July 12, 1892, Frederick Bent.
vi. CLARA BELLE, b. Feb. 2, 1870.
vii. ARCHIE CLIFFORD, b. June 16, 1873.

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DAVID PARKER[8] BENT (*Rufus*,[7] *David*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Granville, N. S., Sept. 23, 1824, and died May 29, 1879; lived in Forest Glen, Annapolis County, N. S. He married Susan Stronach.

Children:

i. GEORGE.[9]
ii. DAVID.
iii. SUSAN, m. George Stronach.
iv. RUTH, m. Hoyt Foster.

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EDWIN[8] BENT (*William Lovett*,[7] *William*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Nova Scotia in 1830, and died in Digby, N. S., in 1871. He was postmaster of Digby. He married, in 1861, Clara W. Barnaby.

Children:

i. HERBERT H.,[9] druggist, has lived in Fitchburg, Mass.
ii. STANLEY, living in Centreville, N. S.
iii. FLORENCE, d. in 1891; m. Henry Snow of Annapolis, N. S.

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THOMAS D.[8] BENT (*Phineas L.*,[7] *William*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Annapolis, N. S., Oct. 13,

1842. He moved to Massachusetts when a young man, and, Sept. 24, 1862, enlisted from Needham, for nine months, in Co. C, 43d Mass. Infantry. August 22, 1863, he re-enlisted as 1st sergt. in Co. D, 2d Mass. Heavy Artillery; promoted to 2d lieut. April 10, 1865. He married, Nov. 22, 1865, Elizabeth Henderson of Needham.

Children:

i. ERWIN.[9]
ii. MARY.
iii. WILLIAM.
iv. GEORGE.

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WILLIAM HENRY[8] BENT (*Warren*,[7] *Joseph*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in the Annapolis Valley, N. S., in 1817; living in Morristown, N. S. He married first, Elizabeth Oakes; married second, Olivia Oakes.

Children:

i. MARY OLIVIA,[9] m. Frederick Webster.
ii. EMMA, m. Robert Nichols.
iii. NANCY, m. Lindley Nichols.
iv. FRANCES, m. ——— Dunn.

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GILBERT RAY[8] BENT (*Warren*,[7] *Joseph*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in the Annapolis Valley, N. S., Jan. 22, 1825, and is living in North Reading, Mass. He left Nova Scotia in 1847 and was educated for the ministry at Concord, N. H., graduating in 1854. His first charge was at North Grafton, Mass., since which he has been pastor of several Methodist parishes, mostly in New England. During the war he was at the front with the U. S. Christian Commission. For the past few years he has had no regular charge, preaching only occasionally.

He married first, at Chelsea, Mass., Jan. 1, 1859, Crusa A. Cook, who was born in Mendon, Mass., in 1839, daughter of Clark and Louisa M. Cook. She died at Camp Parole, Annapolis, Md., March 4, 1864. He married second, Feb. 21, 1866, Mary Caroline Grout of Pelham, Mass.

Child of Rev. Gilbert R. and Crusa:

i. FRANCES LOUISA,[9] b. Sept. 1859; living in Boston, Mass.; m. William T. Blake.

Children of Rev. Gilbert R. and Mary, i. born in Southampton, Mass., ii. in South Walpole, Mass.:

i. GILBERT WESLEY WARREN,[9] b. Nov. 10, 1867; graduated from

Boston University School of Medicine in 1892 and located in Walpole, Mass.; d. in Dorchester, Boston, Mass., Oct. 7, 1896.

ii. ROSE STANDISH, b. Aug. 20, 1872; living in North Reading, Mass.; m. Dec. 1892, Warren H. Simonds.

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ISRAEL[8] BENT (*Warren*,[7] *Joseph*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Paradise, N. S., April 27, 1827, and is living in Lowell, Mass., where he is a dealer in belting, leather and shoe findings. He married first, March 30, 1850, Ella Griffin of Newburyport, Mass., who was born Nov. 21, 1829, and died June 3, 1880. He married second, May 1, 1884, Elvira Hamlin Chick of Lowell.

Children of Israel and Ellen, i. born in Newburyport, ii. in Boston:

i. ELLA GERTRUDE,[9] b. March 15, 1854; m. Nov. 11, 1874, Charles H. Damon of Lowell.

ii. CARRIE ETTA, b. Nov. 9, 1859; m. Jan. 11, 1881, at Lowell, Irving Locke of Lexington, Mass., where they still reside. Three children: 1. *Alice Griffin*,[10] b. Sept. 18, 1882. 2. *Ellen Corinne*, b. March 4, 1885. 3. *Beulah Bent*, b. Feb. 17, 1888.

iii. WARREN, b. and d. 1862.

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WARREN EDGAR[8] BENT (*Warren*,[7] *Joseph*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in 1841 in the Annapolis Valley, N. S., where he still lives, at Paradise. He married Lydia L. Balcom.

Children:

i. FRANCES.[9]

ii. HARRY.

iii. CHARLES.

iv. CLARA.

v. RALPH.

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JOHN FLETCHER[8] BENT (*Israel L.*,[7] *Joseph*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Granville, N. S., Sept. 30, 1829, and died in Granville, Nov. 14, 1882, æ. 53. He married, in 1858, Fanny Ruffee.

Children, all born in Granville:

i. ALICE A.,[9] b. 1859; d. 1864.

ii. HENRY R., b. 1862; d. May 4, 1877.

iii. OWEN P., b. 1866; d. in Granville, Jan. 15, 1895; m. Oct. 29, 1884, Annie M. Bath.

iv. VENNIE DE WOLF, b. June 22, 1873.

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JACOB VALENTINE[8] BENT (*Israel L.*,[7] *Joseph*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Granville, N. S., Oct. 10, 1840. He moved, in 1889, to Stow, Mass., and thence, in April, 1896, to Hudson, Mass., where he still resides. He married, in 1871, Rose H. Balcom, who died in Stow, March 16, 1896.

Children:

i. EUGENE P.,[9] b. May 23, 1873; living unm. in Allston, Boston, Mass.
ii. AUBREY W., b. Nov. 23, 1874; farmer; living unm. in South Acton, Mass.
iii. BURPEE B., b. Oct. 31, 1877; living unm. in Boston.
iv. JOSEPH V., b. July 31, 1879; living with his father.

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ISRAEL ARCHIBALD[8] BENT (*Israel L.*,[7] *Joseph*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), contractor and builder, was born in Granville, N. S., Oct. 2, 1849, and is living in (South) Lincoln, Mass. He moved to Massachusetts in 1880, and, after living two years in Weston, bought his present place in Lincoln. He married, Dec. 4, 1872, Sarah Sybella Coldwell of Berwick, N. S.

Children, i. to iv. born in Berwick, N. S., v. in Weston, vi. to viii. in Lincoln:

i. NELLIE AMELIA RAY,[9] b. April 21, 1874.
ii. HYLAND FAIRBANKS, b. Nov. 17, 1875; a carpenter in Lincoln.
iii. EDWIN STEARNS, b. June 17, 1877.
iv. JENNIE BEATRICE, b. Dec. 1, 1878.
v. LALIA ESTELLA, b. Sept. 18, 1881.
vi. RALPH WALDO, b. May 29, 1883.
vii. BERTHA WOODWORTH, b. April 27, 1885.
viii. ETHEL FOSTER, b. Jan. 12, 1893.

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JOSEPH BENSON[8] BENT (*J. Fletcher*,[7] *Joseph*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in St. Davids, N. B., Nov. 25, 1838, and is living in Somerville, Mass. He came to Massachusetts in 1862, and since 1888 has been book-keeper for G. W. Bent & Co., Boston. He married, Sept. 6, 1865, Matilda Wilson Coffin, who was born in Barrington, N. S., April 12, 1840, daughter of Peter Coffin of Halifax, N. S., and a descendant of Tristram Coffin early of Nantucket, Mass.

Children, all born in East Boston, Mass.:

i. (FRANCIS) ALBERT BERRY,[9] b. Jan. 8, 1867; living in Somerville; is in the employ of G. W. Bent & Co. of Boston; m. in Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 23, 1889, Hattie Hamilton. Two

children: 1. *Winifred Hamilton*,[10] b. in Springfield, N. Y., Nov. 13, 1890. 2. *Florence Esther*, b. in Somerville, Sept. 17, 1894.

ii. HELEN HAY HAMILTON, b. Feb. 27, 1869; d. March 22, 1878.

iii. GEORGE FREDERICK COFFIN, b. Nov. 28, 1870; living in Montana.

iv. LEON GIRARD LORING, b. May 23, 1872; living in Reading, Mass.; is in the employ of G. W. Bent & Co., Boston; m. Oct. 14, 1896, Marion Edna Parker.

v. JOSEPH FLETCHER, b. March 7, 1880.

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WILLIAM BENNETT[8] BENT (*William*,[7] *Joseph*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Nova Scotia. He married first, Abigail Higgins; second, Lavinia ———.

Children (all dead):

i. WILLIAM B.[9]

ii. LIZZIE.

iii. ———.

iv. WILLIAM.

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JAMES HENNIGER[8] BENT (*James S.*,[7] *Stephen*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Annapolis, N. S., Oct. 2, 1840. He came to Massachusetts with his father in 1848, and since 1854 has lived in Boston, where he is a clothing salesman. He married Kate, daughter of Morton Bradford of East Boston, and a descendant of Gov. Bradford of the Plymouth colony.

Children, all born in (East) Boston.

i. HATTIE MAY,[9] living with her father in Roslindale, Boston; m. in 1890, George E. Elliott of Lisbon, N. H. One child, *Ethel B.*[10] *Elliott.*

ii. GEORGE BRADFORD, d. æ. 3.

iii. FANNIE RICE, living in Providence, R. I.; m. June 3, 1897, Percy J. Callowhill.

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RUPERT GEORGE[8] BENT (*James*,[7] *Silas*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), blacksmith and machinist, was born at Nictaux Falls, Annapolis County, N. S., in 1836, and died in Goldenville, N. S., in 1888, æ. 52. He lived in Bath, Me., a short time in the early sixties, but returned to Nictaux Falls, and a few years later went to Londonderry, N. S., and finally to Goldenville, N. S., where with others he operated the Dominion gold mines with success. He married, in 1856, Margaret Emma, daughter of Eben Beattie of Londonderry, N. S., who married again Angus Cameron of Sherbrooke, N. S.

Children, i. born in Londonderry, ii. in Bath, Me., iii. and iv. at Nictaux Falls, v. to vii. in Goldenville:

i. GARDINER LONSDALE,[9] b. 1858; a mining engineer in Mexico.
ii. GEORGE EBEN, b. 1861; mining engineer; m. Florence Smith.
iii. GEORGIANNA FRANCES, b. 1863; school teacher.
iv. JAMES RUPERT, b. 1865; mining engineer; at present interested in Alaska.
v. LAURA FAIRFIELD, b. 1871; school teacher in Wine Harbor, N. S.
vi. CARRIE ELSWOOD, b. 1874; m. Alex. Nichols.
vii. GARDIENA ELVIRA, b. 1878.

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HORATIO NELSON[8] BENT (*James*,[7] *Silas*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), carpenter, was born at Nictaux, N. S., where he died. He married Mary Stronach.

Children:

i. FRED O.[9]
ii. MARGARET.
iii. RUPERT.
iv. FRANK.
v. JESSIE.

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WILLIAM HENRY[8] BENT (*Dennis*,[7] *Silas*,[6] *David*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), lawyer, was born in Nictaux, Annapolis County, N. S., Dec. 6, 1841, and is living in Lowell, Mass. In 1850 the family home was transferred to Newburyport, Mass., where he lived until 1859. After a year spent in Haverhill, Mass., he located permanently in Lowell, where he was employed as a printer in the office of one of the daily newspapers, at the same time studying law. In August, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Co. A, 35th Reg. Mass. Infantry, and became 1st lieut. in Sept. 1864, and captain in Nov. 1864; transferred to the 29th Reg. in May, 1865, and mustered out Aug. 1865. He was engaged in the battles of South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Siege of Vicksburg, Siege of Knoxville, Blue Springs, Mine Run, Spottsylvania, North Anna, Shady Grove, Cold Harbor, Siege of Petersburg and the mine explosion at Appomattox. In Dec. 1867, he was admitted to the Middlesex bar and has been in active practice ever since; was admitted to the United States Court at Boston in Sept. 1898. He married, at Lowell, Aug. 9, 1871, Georgia H., daughter of George H. and Anna B. Tarr.

Children:

i. BERTRAM DENNIS,[9] b. April 5, 1879.
ii. AMY GLADYS, b. Sept. 13, 1884.

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WILLIAM HARRISON[8] BENT (*James M.*,[7] *William*,[6] *William*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in 1840 in Cochituate Village, Wayland, Mass., where he died June 22, 1896. He was a member of the firm of W. & J. M. Bent, shoe manufacturers, in Cochituate village (the firm went of business about 1893), and had been selectman, representative to the Legislature (1875), treasurer of the water commissioners and treasurer of the Natick & Cochituate Street Railway, and was prominent among the local Masons and Knights Templar. He married, Nov. 27, 1861, Teresa H. Loker of Wayland, who is still living in Cochituate.

Children, all born in Wayland:

i. ELMER MYRICK,[9] b. Feb. 5, 1863; living in Cochituate; m. Feb. 20, 1883, Julia M. Riley of Wayland. Three children: 1. *William.* 2. *Alvin.* 3. *Mildred.*

ii. MILDRED, b. June 29, 1867; m. Oct. 7, 1885, Edwin Farwell of Natick, son of Royal E. and Sarah W. Farwell. Four children: 1. *Roger.* 2. *John.* 3. *Frank.* 4. *Rachel.*

iii. WILLIAM HARRISON, b. Jan. 17, 1876; living in Cochituate.

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JAMES ALVIN[8] BENT (*James M.*,[7] *William*,[6] *William*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), box manufacturer, was born in 1843 in Cochituate Village, Wayland, Mass., where he still lives. He married first, April 7, 1864, Anna Matilda Dudley, who was born March 26, 1845, in Wayland, where she died July 31, 1890, daughter of Nathaniel C. and Anna (Maynard) Dudley, and a descendant of Francis Dudley who settled in Concord, Mass., about 1663. For twenty-five years she led the choir in Cochituate and often presided at the organ; at the time of her death she was chairman of the school committee. J. Alvin married second, July 11, 1893, Anna Brown of Watertown.

Children:

i. WILLIAM,[9] b. Nov. 17, 1865; d. Nov. 30, 1876.

ii. JAMES ALVIN, b. July 7, 1870; d. Sept. 3, 1876.

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THOMAS DEXTER[8] BENT (*James M.*,[7] *William*,[6] *William*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]), box manufacturer, was born Nov. 14, 1844, in Cochituate Village, Wayland, Mass., where he still resides. He married, Jan. 20, 1885, Elizabeth Campbell, daughter of John and Catherine Currie Campbell of Sydney, Cape Breton.

* Received too late to be properly numbered. See page 146.

Children, all born in Cochituate:

i. MARTHA TROWBRIDGE,[9] b. Aug. 18, 1886.
ii. MARY CATHERINE, b. Jan. 29, 1891.
iii. ANNA ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 21, 1898.

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MYRON WALLACE[8] BENT (*James M.*,[7] *William*,[6] *William*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born Sept. 19, 1849, in Cochituate Village, Wayland, Mass., and is living in Rochester, N. H., where he is superintendent of Linscott & Co.'s shoe manufactory. He represented Wayland in the Massachusetts Legislature in 1878. He married first, Rosanna Illingsworth of Waltham, from whom he was divorced. He married second, March 16, 1872, Cornelia J., daughter of William Loker of Wayland.

Child, by the first marriage:

i. BERTHA MARIA,[9] b. Aug. 2, 1868; living in Rhode Island; m. George Lawrence.

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RALPH[8] BENT (*James M.*,[7] *William*,[6] *William*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born Nov. 6, 1854, in Cochituate Village, Wayland, Mass., and is living in Joliet, Ill., where he is superintendent of the shoe manufacturing department of the State penitentiary. He married, Jan. 1, 1872, Isabel Damon Bond of Wayland.

Children, both born in Wayland:

i. SUSAN ROBY,[9] b. July 27, 1872; m. Edward Marvin, a lawyer, of Portsmouth, N. H., firm of Frink & Marvin. Two children: 1. *William*. 2. *Sara*.
ii. JAMES MADISON, b. April 16, 1880.

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GEORGE OBERLIN[8] BENT (*Archibald*,[7] *Micah*,[6] *William*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in South Framingham, Mass., Nov. 3, 1842; living in South Framingham. He enlisted June 30, 1861, as private in Co. B, 29th Mass. Infantry; became 1st lieutenant March 25, 1865. He married first, in Boston, Feb. 23, 1866, Eliza Georgietta Talbot, a native of Colchester, England, who died in Framingham, Nov. 9, 1866, æ. 17; married second, in Woonsocket, R. I., January 24, 1868, Wilma Delina, born Oct. 3, 1852, daughter of George[6] Bent. (See page 71.)

Children, i. to iii. born in Franklin, Mass., iv. in Framingham:

i. HARRY ARCHIBALD,[9] b. Nov. 12, 1868; living in So. Framingham, Mass.; m. Dec. 2, 1896, Edith E. Brown. One child, *Ethel Mae*,[10] b. Sept. 28, 1897.

ii. GEORGE MORTON, b. May 1, 1870; living in So. Framingham; m. Aug. 19, 1898, Gertrude M. Fleming of Sherborn, Mass. One child, *Evelyn Fleming*,[10] b. Sept. 4, 1899.

iii. ARTHUR EDGAR, b. Dec. 20, 1871; living in So. Framingham; book-keeper for Fales & Co.; treasurer of First Universalist Church of Framingham; has served in the militia, and been captain of Sons of Veterans; m. Dec. 29, 1897, Ethel Sharp, only dau. of Samuel and Martha S. Currier of Natick, Mass.

iv. ADA FLORENCE, b. Sept. 25, 1873; living in So. Framingham; m. June 6, 1894, James Foster Flagg. Two children: 1. *Wilma Morton*[10] *Flagg*, b. Feb. 14, 1895. 2. *Hattie Florence Flagg*, b. May 30, 1898.

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HERBERT ALPHONSO[8] BENT (*Mellen G.*,[7] *Micah*,[6] *William*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Webster, Mass., Jan. 22, 1855.; was brought up by his paternal grandmother in Bellingham, Mass.; living in Franklin, Mass. He married, March 5, 1876, Mary Emma Gifford of Wrentham, Mass., daughter of Stephen T. Gifford.

Children, i. born in Bellingham, ii. in Franklin:

i. CHARLES HERBERT,[9] b. Sept. 23, 1877.

ii. WINIFRED ABBIE, b. June 11, 1881.

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LAWSON GREEN[8] BENT (*Mellen G.*,[7] *Micah*,[6] *William*,[5] *Micah*,[4] *Hopestill*,[3] *Peter*,[2] *John*[1]) was born at Valley Falls(?), R. I., Sept. 19, 1857; is a railroad man, and lives in the South; was brought up in Lebanon, Me. He married Lucy Prescott.

Two of their five children are living:

i. ERNEST.[9]

ii. IDA.

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PETER[8] BENT (*Peter*,[7] *Peter*,[6] *David*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Denmark, N. Y., July 17, 1836; living in Chicago, Ill. He married, Nov. 13, 1855, Nancy M. Cottrell, and afterwards moved to Clarence, Iowa, where she died July 23, 1883.

Child, born in Denmark:

i. BYRON D.,[9] b. May 24, 1856; living in San Francisco, Cal.

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WARREN G.[8] BENT (*Major E.*,[7] *Peter*,[6] *David*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in New York, June 26, 1839; living in Whiteside County, Ill. He lived in Lewis County, N. Y.,

until 1865, when he moved to Carroll County, Ill., remaining until 1872, when he removed to Whiteside County. In 1878, he transferred his home to Osborne County, Kansas, and there resided until 1890, when he returned to Whiteside County. He married first, Sept. 2, 1860, at Barnes Corners, N. Y., Theresa Douglas, born in Lewis County, April 20, 1843, died in Illinois, Oct. 12, 1876; married second, Dec. 26, 1876, Mary Remer of Morrison, Ill.; no children by latter.

Children of Warren G. and Theresa, i. and ii. born in Lewis County, N. Y., iii. and iv. in Carroll County, Ill., and v. in Whiteside County, Ill.:

i. HATTIE,[9] b. Sept. 18, 1861; living in Whiteside Co., Ill.; m. 1879, R. D. Phillips.
ii. MYRA, b. June 4, 1864; living in Dixon, Ill.; m. Oct. 13, 1887, at Morrison, Ill., Charles F. North.
iii. JAY M., b. Aug. 25, 1867; farmer, in Whiteside Co.; m. Feb. 6, 1890, at Morrison, Clara B. Harrison.
iv. JOHN, b. March 10, 1871; living in Whiteside Co.
v. FRED, b. May 1, 1874.

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Z. MAJOR[8] BENT (*Major E.*,[7] *Peter*,[6] *David*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Lewis County, N. Y., March 29, 1850; died Nov. 19, 1874, in Washington County, Kansas, whither he had removed from Illinois in 1870. He had gone from New York State to Illinois with his father in 1864. The Z in his name, as well as in the name of his son, has no significance. He married, Jan. 29, 1873, Salina Smith of Greenleaf, Kansas.

Child, born in Kansas:

i. WARREN Z.,[9] b. Nov. 19, 1874; farmer, in Greenleaf, Kan.

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CURTIS RINALDO[8] BENT (*Dalmanutha*,[7] *David*,[6] *David*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Westminster, Vt., Aug. 23, 1820; died in West Union, Iowa, March 18, 1884, æ. 63. When a small boy, he moved with his parents to Antwerp, N. Y. About 1840 emigrated with an uncle to Rock County, Wis. After a few years spent in farming, he opened a store in Evansville, Wis. This he disposed of in the spring of 1852, and moved to Fayette County, Iowa, where he operated a saw mill for four years. Meanwhile, in the spring of 1855, he had transferred his home to a large farm in West Union, where the rest of his days were spent, his last years being devoted to the insurance business. In 1868 and 1869, he was a member of the Legislature of Iowa, besides holding many minor offices. Was trustee for many years of the Upper Iowa University,

to which he made many donations. Was also steward and class leader in the Methodist church. He married first, May 25, 1851, Eleanora Robinson, born in Clark County, Ohio, June 5, 1831, died Feb. 4, 1857, daughter of Thomas and Anna Robinson; married second, Feb. 7, 1861, Mrs. Sarah J. (Robinson) Atwood, born Feb. 8, 1827, died April 5, 1894, sister of his first wife.

Children, by first marriage, born in West Union, Iowa:

i. M. EMMA,[9] b. Sept. 13, 1853; living in Monona, Iowa; m. Nov. 13, 1878, J. Elbert Robertson, Jr. One child, *Belle Eleanora*[10] *Robertson*, b. in West Union, Iowa, April 12, 1880.

ii. CARRIE A., b. July 18, 1855; living in West Union; m. May 24, 1882, Sidney B. Carter. Six children, all b. in West Union: 1. *Bruce Bent.*[10] 2. *Eleanora J.* 3. *Anna G.* 4. *Laura M.* 5. *Carlotta F.* 6. *Helen R.*

Child, by second marriage:

i. IOWA B., b. July 8, 1863; d. March 30, 1879.

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HARTWELL H.[8] BENT (*Dalmanutha*,[7] *David*,[6] *David*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer and cheese maker, was born in Philadelphia, N. Y., May 9, 1837; died in Antwerp, N. Y., Feb. 29, 1884, æ. 46; was supervisor of the town of Antwerp for many years, and chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Jefferson County for two years. He married, July, 1858, Jane Baldwin.

Children, born in Antwerp, N. Y.:

i. ROY HARTWELL,[9] b. May 17, 1866; living in Antwerp, N. Y.; m. Lola May Oelbert. One child, *Lynn Roy*[10] *Bent.*

ii. WYNN C., b. March 31, 1871.

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MELVINA[8] BENT (*Hartwell*,[7] *David*,[6] *David*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Mt. Holly, Vt., May 19, 1831; was taken a few years afterwards to Randolph, N. Y., and is living in Ellington, N. Y., her home since marriage. She married, May 29, 1848, James Brooks, M.D.

Children:

i. JAMES CASPER[9] BROOKS, b. April 25, 1849; a civil engineer; was killed in a railroad accident Sept. 26, 1883, æ. 34; m. Sept. 9, 1874, Delora, dau. of Capt. Julius B. and Caroline A. Maltbie of Gowanda, N. Y. One child, *Harry Birdsey*[10] *Brooks.*

ii. MELVIN MAIN BROOKS, b. July 14, 1851; civil engineer; was sup't. of the construction of several railroads, and had charge of several natural gas plants; d. in Ellington, N. Y., Jan. 11, 1895, æ. 44; m. in September, 1876, Kate Josephine Morgan

of Fort Edward, N. Y. Three children: 1. *Mabelle Morgan*[10] *Brooks*, b. June 10, 1877. 2. *Kate Melvina Brooks*, b. June 13, 1880. 3. *James Arthur Brooks*, b. Aug. 26, 1885.

iii. JOHN MARVIN BROOKS, b. Dec. 19, 1856; a physician; educated at Wooster University, Cleveland, O. Since 1895, has lived in Jamestown, N. Y.; m. March 12, 1884, Bessie Cook, dau. of Merritt and Mary J. (Hooper) Cook of Ellington, N. Y. One child, *Mary Kate*[10] *Brooks*, b. July 29, 1897.

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HORACE ALDRICH[8] BENT (*Hartwell*,[7] *David*,[6] *David*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Mt. Holly, Vt., June 14, 1834, but was taken by his parents to Randolph, N. Y., soon after; died May 21, 1862, from injuries received in a railroad accident at Salamanca, N. Y. He married, about 1854, Helen M. Brown, who died at Verona, Alleghany County, Pa., Jan. 23, 1891, daughter of Jonathan and Roena (Scudder) Brown of Randolph.

Children, both born in Randolph:

i. NETTIE M.,[9] b. April 17, 1855; living in Oil City, Pa.; m. in Randolph, N. Y., Dec. 25, 1877, to Frank E. Glass of Bradford, Pa., who is a Presiding Elder in the Free Methodist Church. One child, *Bessie E.*[10] *Glass*, b. in Bradford, Dec. 3, 1878, now a short hand teacher in the Oil City Business College.

ii. HARTWELL J., b. April 29, 1858; d. at Luna Creek, Pa., Sept. 21, 1883.

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WALKER MARTIN[8] BENT (*S. Walker*,[7] *David*,[6] *David*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Ludlow, Vt., in 1845, and died in Cavendish, Vt., in 1880; managed a general store in the village of Duttonsville in Cavendish, was a printer, and for a time was express messenger between Burlington and Boston. He married, April 13, 1869, Cordelia Esther Wallis, who is living in Cavendish.

Children:

i. ESTHER.[9]
ii. GEORGIA ADA.
iii. MARY STILES.

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GEORGE CARLOS[8] BENT (*S. Walker*,[7] *David*,[6] *David*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]), lawyer, was born in Ludlow, Vt., July 17, 1848; living in Boston; grew up on his father's farm in Cavendish, Vt.; graduated from Dean Academy in Franklin, Mass., in 1871,

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and passed entrance examination to Tufts College; taught in the high school at Machias, Me., for four years; studied law in the office of Heman W. Chaplin, Boston; admitted to Suffolk bar March 20, 1876, and still continues to practice there; from 1876 until 1892 lived in Cambridge, which he represented four years in the Common Council and two years, 1884–1885, in the Legislature. He is a prominent Mason. He married, 1875, Mattie A., daughter of Rev. Norris C. Hodgdon, a Universalist clergyman. No children.

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STILES GIDEON[8] BENT (*S. Walker,*[7] *David,*[6] *David,*[5] *David,*[4] *David,*[3] *John,*[2] *John*[1]) was born in Cavendish, Vt., and is living in Bethel, Vt. Has lived in Boston and Philadelphia. He married first, Marion P. Furber, born in Stockbridge, Vt., from whom he was divorced; married second, Mary G. Adams, born March 21, 1858, daughter of Daniel S. and Harriet (Crocker) Adams of Charlestown, Mass.

Child:

i. RUTH FURBER,[9] b. in Newton, Mass., July 21, 1889.

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OVERTON WALKER[8] BENT (*Silas W.,*[7] *Silas P.,*[6] *David,*[5] *David,*[4] *David,*[3] *John,*[2] *John*[1]) was born in Henderson, Jefferson County, N. Y., March 29, 1846; living in Boulder, Col. In the summer of 1868, he went to Nebraska and took up a farm in Cass County, fifteen miles east of Lincoln; in 1884, he removed to the city of Lincoln, where he remained until 1898. He married, Oct. 10, 1871, Belle Lewis of Cass County, born June 1, 1853, died Oct. 9, 1892, daughter of John and Gillie Lewis.

Children, all born in Nebraska:

i. ETTA L.,[9] b. Feb. 27, 1873; d. May 16, 1878.
ii. ALBERT WELLS, b. Sept. 21, 1874; d. Feb. 20, 1877.
iii. EDNA CENTENNIAL, b. Aug. 18, 1876; is connected with the Sanitarium at Boulder, Col.
iv. EVELINA BELLE, b. Dec. 1, 1877; employed in the Colorado Sanitarium.
v. LUCY OLIVE, b. Aug. 3, 1879; has been ass't. book-keeper in the Sanitarium at Boulder since September, 1897.
vi. MYRTLE MARY, b. Jan. 4, 1885; d. April 26, 1898.

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EARL SILAS[8] BENT (*John Jay,*[7] *Silas P.,*[6] *David,*[5] *David,*[4] *David,*[3] *John,*[2] *John*[1]) was born Aug. 15, 1860, near De Kalb, Ill., and is living near Boulder, Col.

Children:

i. JAY EARL,[9] b. Sept. 7, 1884.
ii. CHARLES WESLEY, b. Sept. 22, 1886.
iii. HAZEL ALICE, b. Nov. 5, 1888.
iv. OLIVE, b. May 8, 1890.
v. FRED ELLSWORTH, b. Jan. 6, 1892.
And others.

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HORACE EDWARD[8] BENT (*George R.*,[7] *Alphonso*,[6] *Thaddeus*,[5] *David*,[4] *David*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Clinton, Iowa, July 14, 1864, and for several years has lived in Chicago, Ill., where he is engaged in the meat and provision business. He married, in Chicago, Dec. 1, 1886, Mary Mullin.

Children, all born in Chicago:

i. HORACE DYER,[9] b. Dec. 16, 1887.
ii. RUSSELL, b. July 29, 1890; d. Aug. 3, 1890.
iii. EARL EDWARD, b. Sept. 30, 1891.
iv. BEULAH BARTLETT, b. April 1, 1894.
v. SIDNEY ALPHONSO, b. July 11, 1898.

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JOHN[8] BENT (*John*,[7] *Francis*,[6] *John*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Middleboro', Mass., June 5, 1831; living in the adjoining town of Carver, which has always been his home except for two or three years; was engaged in sawing box boards and shingles for several years, but of late has devoted his time to the extensive cultivation of cranberries; has been a justice of the peace for many years, and has settled a large number of estates. He married, Dec. 3, 1873, Irena A. Smith of Middleboro'. One child, died in infancy.

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MARTIN FRANCIS[8] BENT (*Isaac*,[7] *Francis*,[6] *John*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Wareham, Mass., March 17, 1835; living in Norwich, Conn.; learned the blacksmith's trade of his father at Wareham, where he worked eleven years; moved July 11, 1863, to Norwich, where for twenty years he was employed in the Thames Iron Works; since then has been superintendent for Ansel Clark, manufacturer of the Avery steam boiler, and for Hopkins & Allen manufacturing company. He married, Nov. 21, 1866, Harriet Peckham Woodworth of Norwich, daughter of Ebenezer W. and Emily Ann (Peckham) Woodworth, formerly of Montville, Conn.

Children, all born in Norwich:

i. HELEN SOPHIA,[9] b. Sept. 9, 1867; d. Jan. 1, 1873.
ii. FRANCIS PECKHAM, b. March 13, 1874; postal clerk in Norwich P. O.
iii. WILLIAM WOODWORTH, b. April 17, 1883.

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WILSON DEXTER[8] BENT (*Wilson D.*,[7] *Francis*,[6] *John*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), blacksmith, was born in North Sandwich (now Bournedale), Mass., Aug. 13, 1835; died in Fairhaven, Mass., Jan. 3, 1897. He married, Dec. 26, 1861, Sarah J. Spooner of Rochester, Mass., daughter of Edward Pope Spooner.

Children, both born in North Sandwich:

i. WILSON DEXTER,[9] b. Sept. 29, 1852; living in San Francisco, Cal.; m. Oct. 14, 1891, Olive E. Poor. Two children, b. in Sausilito, Marin Co., Cal.: 1. *Ruth Esther*,[10] b. and d. 1892. 2. *Ralph Richards*, b. Jan. 20, 1895.
ii. WALTER ELIOT, b. May 26, 1866; living in Plymouth, Mass.; m. June 27, 1894, Charhanna A. Jones. One child, *Richard Harvey*,[10] b. in Plymouth, March 1, 1895.

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FRANCIS[8] BENT (*Wilson D.*,[7] *Francis*,[6] *John*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), blacksmith, was born in North Sandwich (now Bournedale), Mass., Aug. 28, 1841; living in Plymouth, Mass. He married, May 8, 1869, Josephine F. Sherman of Sandwich.

Children:

i. FRANCIS W.,[9] b. May 26, 1873.
ii. HENRY ALLEN, b. and d. 1885.

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BARTLETT[8] BENT (*Bartlett*,[7] *John*,[6] *John*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Wareham, Mass., Sept. 11, 1829; brought up in New York City, and died in Middletown, Conn., where he had made his home since April, 1858. He had a natural fondness for politics, and for forty years was prominent in the Republican party in Connecticut, for many years being chairman of the Republican State Committee, where even the other party recognized his strength and ability. He was a man of fine personal appearance, extensive information and of pleasing address. In 1862, he represented Middletown in the legislature. Soon after, he was appointed assistant assessor of internal revenue, which office he held until it was abolished. In 1863 he was in the city council, in

1866 and 1867 mayor of the city, and from 1869 to 1885 postmaster. When Marshall Jewell became Postmaster-General of the United States during President Grant's first term, he offered the position of First Assistant Postmaster-General to Bartlett Bent, but the latter declined. He married, Aug. 8, 1854, in Brooklyn, N. Y., Sarah, daughter of Ralph and Eliza Ann (Betts) Peacock of Peacock's Point, Long Island. Mrs. Bent is living in Flushing, Long Island.

Children, i. born in Glen Cove, Long Island, the others in Middletown, Conn.:

i. CHARLES E.,[9] b. Aug. 26, 1855; d. July 2, 1873.
ii. GERTRUDE J., b. Aug. 15, 1858; m. Sept. 25, 1878, Albert J. Wright of Buffalo, N. Y., where she still resides. Four children: 1. *Albert Bent*[10] *Wright.* 2. *Alfred Parke Wright.* 3. *Gertrude Wright.* 4. *Anne Louise Wright.*
iii. THOMAS BARTLETT, b. July 2, 1861; living in Hartford, Conn.; m. Nov. 22, 1891, Harriette M. Johnson. One child, *Bartlett Thomas.*
iv. ANNE A., b. June 12, 1864; living in Flushing, L. I.; m. Jan. 8, 1890, Walter J. Travis, the well known golf expert, a native of Adelaide, Australia. Two children: 1. *Adelaide Anne*[10] *Travis*, b. July 3, 1891. 2. *Bartlett H. S. Travis*, b. Feb. 26, 1893.
v. FRANK RALPH, b. Sept. 17, 1866; living unm. in Flushing. He is a real estate broker in New York City, firm of Reid & Bent.
vi. RALPH WILLIAM, b. Oct. 6, 1869; living unm. in Flushing.

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SAMUEL SHAW[8] BENT (*Thomas,*[7] *John,*[6] *John,*[5] *Joseph,*[4] *Experience,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]), iron founder, was born in Albany, N. Y., July 15, 1830; brought up in New York City, where he lived until 1862, when he moved to Port Chester, N. Y., where he died Dec. 31, 1898, æ. 68. The firm was first Thomas Bent & Son, and in later years Samuel S. Bent & Son. The foundry was moved from New York City to Port Chester in 1896. He married, in New York City, Dec. 27, 1852, Sarah Elizabeth Adams, born Jan. 23, 1831, living in Port Chester, daughter of Rufus and Sarah (Douglas) Adams of Connecticut.

Children:

i. THOMAS A.,[9] b. March 21, 1854; d. Sept. 10, 1887; m. Corinne Hartzell, who d. two years later. She was a dau. of Rev. Hazard Hartzell, an Episcopal clergyman of Buffalo, N. Y.
ii. CLAUDIN DOUGLAS, b. May 28, 1857; d. unm. Feb. 22, 1898.
iii. SAMUEL SHAW, b. Oct. 5, 1862; d. May 12, 1875.
iv. IRVING DOUGLAS, b. March 8, 1864; d. May 6, 1875.

v. WALTER DOUGLAS, b. June 24, 1867; continues his father's business; m. Florence M. Wetmore, b. Feb. 18, 1868, dau. of William and Maria Wetmore of Port Chester, N. Y. One child, *Samuel Douglas*,[10] b. Jan. 19, 1891.

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SAMUEL ADAMS[8] BENT (*John*,[7] *Experience*,[6] *John*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Middleboro', Mass., May 11, 1828, and is living in Chicago, Ill. He is travelling passenger agent for the Canadian Pacific Railway. He married first, June 8, 1859, Ann Eliza Page of Newtonville, Mass., daughter of Edward and Susan Page. She died in Chicago, June 1, 1894, æ. 67. He married second, July 28, 1896, at Pigeon Cove, Mass., Mrs. Susan P. Bowles of Elmira, N. Y.

Children of Samuel A. and Ann E.:

i. EULALIA,[9] living in Ironwood, Mich.; m. Frank L. Barrows; three children.

ii. EDWARD PAGE, d. in Gloversville, N. Y., December, 1892; married.

iii. GEORGE HENRY, d. unm. in St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 30, 1894.

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CHARLES HENRY WHEELWRIGHT[8] BENT (*Ebenezer*,[7] *Experience*,[6] *John*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Middleboro', Mass., Feb. 2, 1835, and died in Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 22, 1866. Previous to his removal, in 1860, to Nashville, he was employed in the office of Phillips, Sampson & Co., book publishers, in Boston. He married, in Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 20, 1856, Eliza Ann Canney, born in Dover, N. H., Nov. 4, 1838, died in Boston, Jan. 15, 1882.

Children:

i. ALICE E.,[9] b. May 28, 1857; living in Englewood, Ill.; m. ——— Coyle.

ii. SUSIE, b. Feb. 12, 1862; living in Englewood; m. ——— Hall.

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JUDSON LUTHER[8] BENT (*Luther*,[7] *Experience*,[6] *John*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Watertown, Mass., Dec. 13, 1843. He enlisted Sept. 19, 1862, for nine months in Co. K, 5th Mass. Infantry. He has been in the carpet business in Waltham, Mass., the dry goods business in Colorado Springs, Col., and at present is mining in Oregon. He married, Nov. 15, 1876, Alice Webster Roberts, born Nov. 9, 1852, daughter of John and Mehitable Roberts of Waltham.

Children, i. born in Waltham, ii. in Colorado Springs:

i. ROBERTS JUDSON,[9] b. AUG. 14, 1877.
ii. ALSA EDITH, b. April 1, 1881.

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HERBERT FRANCIS[8] BENT (*Luther*,[7] *Experience*,[6] *John*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in 1846 in Watertown, Mass., where he owns and manages the furniture business established by his father in 1836. He has been Sunday School superintendent in the Baptist church for many years. He married first, Sept. 3, 1873, Laura, daughter of Nathaniel and Sarah (Cummings) Monroe of Newton, Mass. She died Sept. 15, 1884, æ. 35 years, 3 months, without issue. He married second, Nov. 14, 1888, Mary Luella Woodburn, born in Windham, Vt., daughter of Samuel C. and Mary Woodburn.

Children of Herbert F. and Mary, both born in Watertown:

i. WINTHROP HERBERT,[9] b. July 29, 1892.
ii. LAURENCE WOODBURN, b. Aug. 16, 1894.

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DANIEL CHANDLER[8] BENT (*Otis*,[7] *William*,[6] *John*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Paris, Me., Nov. 18, 1821, and is living in Oshkosh, Wis., where his sign reads "Land and Loans." He married first, Harriet Hamlet of Pembroke, N. H.; married second, Nov. 13, 1851, Arabella Rawson Holmes of South Paris, Me.

Children, i. and ii. born in Manchester, N. H., iii., iv. and v. in Oshkosh, Wis.:

i. VIRGIL CHANDLER,[9] b. 1852; d. 1854.
ii. FRANCES EUGENIA, b. Feb. 16, 1854; m. Dr. Hiram Keyes Jillson of New London, Wis.; six children.
iii. STELLA LOUISE, b. Nov. 4, 1857; d. Sept. 7, 1881.
iv. ARABELLA CHANDLER, b. April 26, 1859; living in Seattle, Wash.; m. Fred W. Stroud of Oshkosh, Wis.; four children.
v. GEORGE CHANDLER, b. May 16, 1860; living in Ogden, Utah, where he is in the wholesale paint, oil and glass business; m. March 7, 1891, Myrtle Wylie of Merrill, Wis. Two children, b. in Ogden: 1. *Winifred*,[10] b. Nov. 1, 1893. 2. *Wylie Chandler*, b. May 17, 1896.

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ORREN WEBSTER[8] BENT (*Otis*,[7] *William*,[6] *John*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), merchant, was born in Paris, Me., Jan. 31, 1824, and is living in Minneapolis, Minn., where he located

in 1890. He married first, Mary Morse of South Paris, Me., who died April 19, 1883; married second, Edna O. Brooks of Petersburg, N. Y.

Children, i. born in (South) Paris, Me., ii. in Chelsea, Mass., iii. to vi. in Portland, Me.:

i. LOUISA M.,[9] b. Jan. 21, 1848; living in Minneapolis, Minn.; m. June 27, 1866, Charles E. Richardson of Paris, Me., b. Sept. 26, 1845.
ii. OTIS MORSE, b. May 26, 1850; merchant; d. in So. Paris, Me., June 16, 1881.
iii. MARY ELLA, b. Oct. 13, 1853; living in Minneapolis; m. George F. Wescott.
iv. SARAH LIZZIE, b. 1855; d. 1856.
v. LILLIAN H., b. May 6, 1858; living unm. in Minneapolis.
vi. ANNA CHANDLER, b. March 5, 1860; living in Chelsea, Mass.; m. Freeman G. Crommett, a Boston lawyer.

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JOHN A.[8] BENT (*Oren*,[7] *William*,[6] *John*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Harrison, Maine, Sept. 8, 1839, and is living in Mapleton, Utah. Most of his life up to the breaking out of the Civil War was spent on a farm. May 1, 1861, he enlisted in Co. I, 5th Maine Vols., and served in this regiment and in the 4th U. S. Cavalry for six years. For the first sixteen months he was under McClellan in the Army of the Potomac and afterwards under Gen. Thomas in the southwest. He took part in the battles of Bull Run, Seven Days Battle on the Potomac, Stone River, Chattanooga, Chicamauga and Nashville. He was captured at Franklin, Tenn., Nov. 30, 1864, and confined in different prisons—Andersonville, Okalona and Meridian—until the close of the war, after which he was in service in Texas subduing the Comanche Indians, until May, 1867. After a few years in Philadelphia and Boston, he moved in 1874 to Colorado, where he remained, stock-raising until 1893, when he removed to Utah, where he is still engaged in farming and stock-raising. He married Jan. 18, 1876, in Denver, Col., Helen T., dau. of Andrew and Rhoda Burnette Hevener of River Bend, Col.

Children, i. born in Denver, Col., ii. to iv. in Hugo, Col.:

i. BLANCHE M.,[9] b. March 23, 1879.
ii. JOSEPH ROSE, b. Dec. 3, 1880.
iii. CAROLINE A., b. Oct. 17, 1882.
iv. JOHN A. A., b. Aug. 20, 1889.

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WILLIAM EDWIN[8] BENT (*William*,[7] *William*,[6] *John*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in (West) Paris, Me., July 10, 1838, and is living in Abrams, Wis. In April, 1865, he moved to Wisconsin, where he cleared the farm he now occupies near Green Bay. His winters have been spent lumbering in the extensive forests in the northern part of his adopted State. He married, May 29, 1856, Lucy Ann, daughter of William Knowles of Lowell, Mass.

Children, i. to iii. born in West Paris, Me., and the others in Abrams, Wis.:

470. i. CHARLES AUGUSTUS,[9] b. Aug. 18, 1857.

ii. ELLA SUSAN, b. April 12, 1859; living in Waukegan, Ill.; m. Aug. 13, 1886, Dr. Arthur Radcliffe, formerly of Portland, Me. One son, *Arthur Edward*,[10] b. in Bushnell, Ill., Aug. 7, 1889.

471. iii. GEORGE HENRY, b. Feb. 20, 1862.

iv. WILLIAM E., b. and d. 1868.

v. HORACE WALDRON, b. May 12, 1870; living unm. at State Line, Wis. Is associated with his brother Charles in the management of an extensive hunting and fishing resort.

vi. EDWIN LESTER, b. Jan. 9, 1874; living unm. at Abrams, Wis., where he carries on his father's farm.

vii. WALTER HERBERT, b. Aug. 31, 1878; living at State Line, Wis.

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IRA COOK[8] BENT (*Asahel*,[7] *Zenas*,[6] *John*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), iron moulder, was born in Middleboro', Mass., Aug. 19, 1820, and died in Carver, Mass., Dec. 27, 1889. He married, May 16, 1847, Sally Murdock Shaw, born in Carver, Aug. 9, 1826, still living.

Children, both born in Carver:

i. ELLEN FRANCES,[9] b. April 6, 1849; living in Carver, Mass.; m. Nov. 15, 1869, Philander J. Holmes. Two children: 1. *Mabel Warren*[10] *Holmes*, b. July 28, 1872. 2. *Jesse Allen Holmes*, b. Dec. 30, 1886.

ii. NATHANIEL WARREN, b. Oct. 29, 1850; d. June 13, 1857.

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NORMAN HAMMOND[8] BENT (*Alexander*,[7] *Elkanah*,[6] *Joseph*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Experience*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), master mariner, was born in Sandford, N. S., in April, 1843, and died in Yarmouth, N. S., Nov. 14, 1895, on his silver wedding day, æ. 52. He sailed for his father-in-law for many years, then for Hon. L. E. Baker, and

last for G. M. Steeves of Liverpool, Eng. He was part owner of the steel ship "Sofala." He married, Nov. 14, 1870, Lalia F., daughter of Captain Aaron Goudey.

Children, all born in Yarmouth, N. S.:

i. ARNOLD CLINTON,[9] b. June 15, 1874.
ii. EVA MILDRED, b. March 11, 1877.
iii. ROY KENNETH, b. Sept. 10, 1881.

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ELKANAH[8] BENT (*Charles,*[7] *Elkanah,*[6] *Joseph,*[5] *Joseph,*[4] *Experience,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]), electrical engineer, was born at Long Island, Digby County, N. S., Jan. 3, 1855, and is living at Bear River, N. S. He married, April 2, 1879, Lizzie B. Terry of Gloucester, Mass.

Children:

i. MABEL L.,[9] b. June 7, 1880.
ii. BERTIE, b. March 13, 1882.
iii. EDITH N., b. April 12, 1884.
iv. CHARLES S., b. June 9, 1886.
v. PERCY C., b. Feb. 12, 1888.
vi. EVA J., b. Nov. 29, 1890.
vii. DYKEMAN A., b. April 4, 1892.
viii. MARION H., b. June 1, 1894.

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JOSEPH ALMON[8] BENT (*Joseph,*[7] *William,*[6] *William,*[5] *Joseph,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]), travelling salesman for the Watertown Wagon Company, was born June 28, 1852, in Thompsonville, Conn., where he still makes his home. He married, Nov. 1, 1875, Ellen E. Duncan of Thompsonville, who died Aug. 15, 1889.

Children, all born in Thompsonville:

i. JOSEPHINE E.,[9] b. Aug. 15, 1876; m. September, 1896, her father's cousin, Merrill N. Bent (*q.v.*).
ii. WARREN D., b. June 5, 1879.
iii. FANNIE E., b. 1882; d. 1883.
iv. C. ALMON, b. Dec. 25, 1885.

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CHARLES HENRY[8] BENT (*Charles C.,*[7] *William,*[6] *William,*[5] *Joseph,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]) was born in Dorchester, Boston, Mass., March 28, 1858; living in Graceland, N. J. (Westfield P. O.); a diamond cutter in New York City. He married, June 20, 1883, Alice Borden Vanderveer of Jersey City, N. J., born Oct. 24, 1861.

Children:

i. LAURA ESTELLE,[9] b. Aug. 2, 1885.
ii. CHARLES, b. Feb. 1, 1889.
iii. ANNIE HAIGHT, b. Feb. 25, 1891.

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JAMES STUART[8] BENT (*Nathaniel*,[7] *James*,[6] *William*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Canton, Mass., Jan. 27, 1857; living in Allston, Boston, Mass. While still in his teens, he went to work in his uncle's oil store, Bent & Hawkes, Broad Street, Boston; in 1880, he moved to Boston, and five years later became a member of the firm. Since the death of his uncle, in 1893, he has carried on the business alone; the firm, established in 1870, was originally Bent, Crane & Co. He married, Nov. 25, 1880, Lydia Ella, daughter of David and Ellen Frances (Hendrickson) Connery of Boston.

Children, all born in Boston:

i. JAMES STUART,[9] b. Sept. 25, 1881; was a major in the Boston School Cadets, 1898–99; prepared for college at Boston Latin School, and entered Harvard in September, 1899.
ii. AMELIA GUILD, b. May 11, 1883.
iii. PAUL STANLEY, b. May 17, 1886; d. Aug. 4, 1886.
iv. GERTRUDE, b. July 31, 1887.

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JOHN[8] BENT (*Calvin G.*,[7] *Martin*,[6] *Jesse*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) died in October, 1895; lived at Jacquet River, N. B., until 1892, when he moved to Moncton, N. B. He married Sarah Barnes of Woodpoint, N. B., granddaughter of Jacobina[6] (Bent) Ayer (*q. v.*).

Children:

i. CALVIN,[9] d. in infancy.
ii. AUGUSTA, m. John S. Rayworth of the Customs Office, Moncton, N. B. Two children: 1. *Ruby*.[10] 2. *Hazel*.

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MARTIN[8] BENT (*Calvin G.*,[7] *Martin*,[6] *Jesse*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Salem, N. S., where he still lives. He married Margaret Black, granddaughter of Cynthia[6] (Bent) Oxley (*q. v.*).

Children:

i. BYRON A.,[9] living in Bridgewater, N. S.
ii. CALVIN GAY, machinist; living in Lynn, Mass.; m. Miss Doyle; one child.

iii. FRED N., farmer; living in Salem, N. S.
iv. JOHN FRAZER, living in California; m. Miss Bulmer; one child.
v. MARTIN SEAMAN.

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GEORGE ROBINSON[8] BENT (*James V.*,[7] *Martin*,[6] *Jesse*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in King's County, N. S., Jan. 28, 1831; living in San José, Cal. He was a house builder in Boston for a few years; returning to the Provinces, he located in St. John, N. B., and began the manufacture of the Bent pianos and organs, which he continued until 1886, when he removed to San José, where he is now a dealer in pianos and organs. He married, May 31, 1860, Mary Lorrilliard of Cornwallis, N. S., born May 28, 1841.

Children, i. and ii. born in Nova Scotia, iii. to ix. born in St. John, N. B.:

i. EDITH MAUDE,[9] b. April 22, 1861; has lived in San José, Cal., since 1888; m. in St. John, N. B., Vincent Hunt, grocer. Three children: 1. *George Walter.*[10] 2. *Harold Gilbert.* 3. *Edith Maude.*
ii. ELINOR MAY, b. May 2, 1863; living in San José; m. June, 1888, Frank L. Argall, dentist. Five children: 1. *Gladys Mary.*[10] 2. *Frances George.* 3. *Charles James Gladstone.* 4. *Clarence Byron.* 5. *Claude Romaine.*
iii. MARY THERESA, b. July 12, 1865; living in San José; m. June 1, 1889, George Howard Anderson. One child, *George Howard.*[10]
iv. ALICE LORRILLIARD, b. April 21, 1867; living in San José; m. 1890, James E. Trueman, M.D. Two children: 1. *Aleta Dorothy.*[10] 2. *Marjorie Alice Amelia.*
v. EVA BERTHA (twin), b. June 2, 1872; d. Dec. 15, 1872.
vi. LENA BLANCHE (twin), b. June 2, 1872; d. Dec. 15, 1872.
vii. ANNIE LILLIAN, b. Dec. 5, 1874.
viii. LENA LOUISE, b. March 12, 1877.
ix. GEORGE ROBINSON LORNE, b. Aug. 12, 1879.

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JAMES MARTIN[8] BENT (*John*,[7] *Martin*,[6] *Jesse*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born on the old Bent homestead in the town of Fort Lawrence, Cumberland County, N. S., Aug. 28, 1838, and is living at Salina, in central Kansas. In 1852 the family home was transferred to Port Elgin, Westmoreland County, N. B., where a few years later he succeeded his father in business. There he remained until February, 1871, when he left for Kansas, locating first in Crawford County, at a little station on the Fort Scott & Gulf

R. R. called Farlington, about seven miles north of Girard, the county-seat. Two years and a half later he sold his stock and mercantile lines and moved to Girard, where he was secretary of a milling company for two years and a half. After this, he engaged in the grocery business at Girard for a short time, but his health failing, he travelled as book agent for a year, at the end of which time he located at Anthony, in Harper County, Kansas, where he was engaged about two years in running the City Hotel. When the Farmers Loan and Trust Company of Anthony was organized, he became secretary, and acted in that capacity as long as the company existed, six years, at the expiration of which time he took charge of the Hotel Montezuma in Anthony. This he managed successfully for three years or more, then sold his interests and moved in October, 1892, to Salina, Kansas, where he took the National Hotel, the management of which still engages his attention. He married first, Feb. 23, 1857, Elizabeth Barnes, who died in Port Elgin, N. B., Feb. 24, 1869; married second, June 21, 1870, Cynthia Bertha Barnes, a younger sister of his first wife.

Children of James M. and Elizabeth, i. born in Westcock, N. B., the others in Port Elgin, N. B.:

i. GEORGE BOTSFORD,[9] b. May 4, 1858; m. in the fall of 1886, Mrs. Alice Payton of Ash Fork, Arizona, where he had lived for several years; since 1894, he has resided at Cripple Creek, Col., where he is interested in mines, and is street commissioner of the city; no children.

ii. ALFRED ERNEST, b. Aug. 12, 1862; living in Lamar, Col., where he is manager of the Lamar Electric Light Co., besides being in the irrigation and land brokerage business; has been mayor of the city; m. first, Dec. 19, 1888, Alice Maude Black, who d. Sept. 24, 1893; m. second, March 16, 1895, in Denver, Col., Edith Isabel Stanley. One child by the first marriage, *Donald Earl*,[10] b. Nov. 23, 1890.

iii. JOHN WILLIAM, b. Nov. 23, 1864; living in Lamar; is serving his second term as county treasurer of Bent County, Col.; m. Dec. 19, 1894, at Trinidad, Col., Grace Allen Thompson. One child, *Dorothy Lois*,[10] b. Sept. 25, 1895, at Lamar.

iv. VICTORIA MAY, b. May 24, 1868; living in Salina, Kansas; m. June 28, 1899, Julius Carl Fritchie, a commercial traveller for the Simmons Hardware Co. of St. Louis, Mo.

Children of James M. and Cynthia B., i. born in Farlington, Kansas, ii. in Girard, Kansas:

i. ELIZABETH CECILIA,[9] b. Oct. 31, 1871; living in Anthony, Kansas; m. Nov. 24, 1897, Philip Gordon Walton, banker, a native of Massachusetts.

ii. LAURA JOSEPHINE, b. Sept. 22, 1874; living in Kansas City, Mo.; m. Sept. 26, 1894, Alexander Massey, of the firm of Bonniwell, Calvin & Massey, wholesale hardware merchants.

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ARTHUR WELLSLEY[8] BENT (*John*,[7] *Martin*,[6] *Jesse*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), light-house keeper, born at Fort Lawrence, N. S., Dec. 20, 1843; living in Bayfield, N. S. He married first, May 18,1868, Mary Noonan of Bayfield, who died May 8, 1888; married second, June 17, 1890, Mrs. Charlotte Ann (Baker) Allen.

Children by the first marriage:

i. ARTHUR PERCY,[9] b. Feb. 25, 1869.
ii. CHARLES MARINER, b. Feb. 14, 1871; d. March 20, 1894, æ. 23.
iii. KATE MARY, b. May 1, 1876.
iv. AMY CECILIA, b. Aug. 16, 1880.

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CALVIN TRUEMAN[8] BENT (*John*,[7] *Martin*,[6] *Jesse*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born at Fort Lawrence, N. S., Aug. 6, 1848; living in New Glasgow, N. S. He married, Dec. 4, 1872, Lucy Morrison Hamilton of Port Elgin, N. B.

Children:

i. ADELAIDE CECILIA,[9] b. Sept. 23, 1874.
ii. FREDERICKA HALLETT, b. May 14, 1877.
iii. ALICE MAUD, b. April 6, 1879.
iv. HAROLD ULLATHORNE, b. May 24, 1890.
v. CHARLES CLAUDIUS, b. June 30, 1892.

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RUFUS FREEMAN[8] BENT (*William F.*,[7] *Jesse*,[6] *Jesse*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Amherst, N. S., Dec. 26, 1825; died in Pugwash, N. S., Oct. 6, 1878, æ. 52. He married, June 20, 1852, Margaret Garnett Ellen, eldest daughter of Peter Stubs, barrister-at-law, of St. John, N. B.

Children, born in Pugwash, N. S.:

i. MARY GARNETT,[9] b. and d. 1853.
ii. WALTER STUBS, b. 1854; d. 1857.
472. iii. BARRY DICKEY, b. April 20, 1857.
iv. JOHN INGLIS, b. Jan. 20, 1860; of the firm of Moran & Bent, merchants, Amherst, N. S.; m. at Dorchester, N. B., Oct. 29, 1885, Amanda, dau. of Benjamin Moran; one son, b. Oct. 8, 1893.

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BLAIR BOTSFORD[8] BENT (*Torrey*,[7] *Jesse*,[6] *Jesse*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born at Fort Lawrence, N. S.,

where he still lives on the old Bent farm. He married, Jan. 4, 1876, Emma, daughter of George Trenholm.

Children, all born at Fort Lawrence, N. S.:

i. ARTHUR ALLEN,[9] b. Jan. 28, 1877.
ii. ETHEL JEAN, b. March 28, 1880.
iii. GESNER TORREY, b. Nov. 16, 1882.
iv. GEORGE B., b. March 21, 1885.
v. BESSIE M. A., b. Aug. 4, 1890.

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GEORGE HIBBARD[8] BENT (*William W.*,[7] *John*,[6] *John*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Brookdale, N. S., May 11, 1853; living in Delta, British Columbia. He married, June 9, 1887, Helen Jane Forrest.

Children:

i. VESTA VAUGHN.[9]
ii. ELWOOD STEELE.
iii. RAYMOND.
iv. LLOYD FORREST.

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MARINER SAMUEL[8] BENT (*William White*,[7] *John*,[6] *John*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, born Sept. 27, 1859, in Brookdale, N. S., where he is still living. He married first, Jan. 4, 1888, Ada D. Hills, who died June 27, 1890. He married second, Sept. 26, 1894, Sarah D. Coates.

Child by first marriage, born in Nappan, N. S.:

i. SIDNEY WILLIAM A. D.,[9] b. June 22, 1890.

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HERBERT[8] BENT (*Albert A.*,[7] *Adam*,[6] *Ebenezer*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in South Boston, Mass., Sept. 14, 1840, and is living in Dorchester, Boston, Mass. He enlisted July 16, 1861, in the 13th Mass. Volunteers and served three years; was wounded at the battle of the Wilderness. For several years has been transportation agent of the Merchants Despatch Transportation Company in Boston. He married first, Georgie A., daughter of Oliver H. and Charlotte Downing. She died July 23, 1878, æ. 34, and he married second, in October, 1878, Mattie E. Downing of Boston.

Children, all born in Boston:

i. EDWARD FRANCIS,[9] b. Aug. 3, 1879; clerk for James S.[8] Bent, Boston.
ii. JOHN ALBERT, b. June 5, 1881.
iii. MARJORIE HOOD, b. May 8, 1891.

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GEORGE CONWAY[8] BENT (*George E.*,[7] *Adam*,[6] *Ebenezer*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in South Boston, Mass., July 11, 1844, and is living in Harrisburg, Pa., where he is connected with the Pennsylvania R. R. He prepared for college at Boston Latin School, and graduated from Harvard in 1866. He married, Dec. 12, 1872, Ellen Rutherford Forster of Harrisburg, daughter of Gen. John Forster.

Child:

i. ELIZABETH CONWAY,[9] b. May 21, 1874.

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CORNELIUS CONWAY FELTON[8] BENT (*George E.*,[7] *Adam*,[6] *Ebenezer*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in South Boston, Mass., July 3, 1849, and is living in Philadelphia, Pa. He moved to Philadelphia in 1861 with his parents and prepared for college, but on account of poor health did not go. After studying engineering, he was employed surveying railroads in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Minnesota and Massachusetts for some years, but in June, 1875, entered the service of the Pennsylvania R. R., holding various positions in the operating department until 1882, when he took service with the New York & New England R. R. in Boston, remaining until January, 1884. Since then, he has been superintendent of various western lines, with head quarters first at Cincinnati, but now in Philadelphia, where he is superintendent of the Philadelphia Division and general agent of the Baltimore & Ohio R. R. He married, March 29, 1894, Nettie L. Johnston of Louisville, Ky., daughter of Robert Andrew and Emma Lewis Johnston.

Child, born in Philadelphia, Pa.:

i. MARTHA FELTON,[9] b. Aug. 11, 1895.

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WILLIAM[8] BENT (*Samuel*,[7] *Nedabiah*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Nova Scotia in 1815. He married first, Mary Durland; married second, Kezia Whitney.

Children:

i. JOSEPH,[9] m. Emma ———.
ii. AMELIA, m. Rowland Hines.
iii. SAMUEL, m. Mary E. Marshall.
iv. AARON, d. unm.
v. PHEBE, m. John O'Neil.
vi. SARAH ELEANOR, m. John Foster.
vii. MARGARET, m. Edward C. Banks.

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NEDABIAH[8] BENT (*Samuel*,[7] *Nedabiah*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Nova Scotia in 1827, and is living in Bridgewater, N. S. He married first, Ann Longdale; married second, Mrs. Mary (Early) Leadbetter.

Children of Nedabiah and Ann:

i. SAMUEL,[9] m. Lavinia O'Neil.
ii. JOSEPHINE, m. Nelson Morrill.
iii. ELIZABETH, m. Andrew B. Swinson.

Child of Nedabiah and Mary:

i. GRACE MARCH.[9]

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HENRY FARIN[8] BENT (*Jesse*,[7] *Nedabiah*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Aylesford, N. S., March 26, 1839, and died in Aylesford in 1885. He married, Jan. 1, 1872, Rebecca Robinson.

Children:

i. HENRY ROSS,[9] b. and d. 1875.
ii. EDWARD ERNEST, b. Feb. 11, 1877.
iii. GEORGE UPHAM, b. Dec. 11, 1878.
iv. SAMUEL S., d. young.

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JOSEPH[8] BENT (*Ezekiel*,[7] *Nedabiah*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in 1838, in Mt. Hanley, Annapolis County, N. S. He married, in 1863, Jane ———.

Children:

i. HENRY.[9]
ii. WILLIAM.
iii. GILBERT.
iv. GEORGE.
v. JOHN.
vi. SARAH.
vii. EDWARD.

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JAMES E.[8] BENT (*Charles Grandison*,[7] *Seth*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in Springfield, N. S., in 1849, and is living in Bridgeton, Me. He married Mary Gates.

Children:

i. MELBOURNE,[9] d. ———.

ii. FREEMAN, d. ———.
iii. HATTIE.
And others.

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JOSEPH F.[8] BENT (*Charles Grandison,*[7] *Seth,*[6] *Samuel,*[5] *Ebenezer,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]) was born about 1850, in Springfield, N. S., where he still resides. He married Emma Gates.

Children:

i. RALPH.[9]
ii. ADELBERT R., d. ———.
iii. FRED, d. ———.
iv. HARRIET L., d. ———.
v. WILBERT R., d. ———.
vi. WILLIAM ALLISON.

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JOHN ALBERT[8] BENT (*J. Harris,*[7] *John,*[6] *Samuel,*[5] *Ebenezer,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in 1862, in Granville, N. S., where he still lives. He married his second cousin, Ermina, daughter of Captain Jacob Fritz[7] Bent of Granville. (See p. 199.)

Children:

i. HAZEL,[9] b. 1890.
ii. HAROLD, b. 1891.
iii. HARRIS, b. 1894.

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GEORGE APPLETON[8] BENT (*George,*[7] *Lemuel,*[6] *Nedabiah,*[5] *Ebenezer,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]) was born in 1834 in Quincy, Mass., where he still lives. He enlisted June 13, 1861, for three years in Co. E, 7th Mass. Infantry, and was transferred Sept. 12, 1863, to Veteran Reserve Corps. He married, Feb. 21, 1856, Susan M., daughter of Nathaniel Prouty.

Children, all born in Quincy:

i. HANNAH ELIZABETH,[9] b. March 4, 1857; living in Wollaston, Quincy, Mass.; m. April 2, 1874, Frank LaForrest Merrill, son of William T. Five children.
ii. JAMES C. E. H., b. May 28, 1858; living in Wollaston. He m. Rebecca Clark White. One child, Carrie Bradford[10] Bent.
iii. SARAH HALL, b. May 9, 1860.

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WILLIAM HARRISON[8] BENT (*George,*[7] *Lemuel,*[6] *Nedabiah,*[5] *Ebenezer,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]) was born in Quincy, Mass., Jan. 28, 1840, and died in Boston, Mass., June 9, 1885, æ. 45. He

enlisted, May 1, 1861, in Co. K, 5th Mass. Infantry, Col. Samuel C. Lawrence; re-enlisted, Oct. 1, 1861, for three years in Co. B, 24th Mass. Infantry, and served throughout the war; became corporal Dec. 19, 1863. After the close of the war he located in Boston as a manufacturer of parlor furniture; from 1869 to 1877 the sign read Bent & Peasley; during most of this time he lived in Charlestown. He married Emma B. Josselyn, daughter of Elisha and Abby (Standish) Josselyn of Pembroke, Mass. Mrs. Bent and her daughters are living in Boston.

Children, i. born in Pembroke, ii. in Charlestown, iii. in Quincy:

i. ADDIE HARRISON.[9]
ii. ETTA STANDISH.
iii. LURA MARION.

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JOHN QUINCY[8] BENT (*George,*[7] *Lemuel,*[6] *Nedabiah,*[5] *Ebenezer,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]) was born in Quincy, Mass., Jan. 16, 1842, and is living in Quincy. He enlisted, June 13, 1861, for three years in Co. H, 11th Mass. Infantry. He married, in Boston, Lucretia Sherman.

Children, all born in Quincy:

i. GEORGE SHERMAN,[9] b. Jan. 15, 1867; living in Avon, Mass. Two children.
ii. HARRIET M., b. 1869; d. 1870.
iii. NELLIE M., b. Oct. 16, 1871; living in Middleboro', Mass.; m. ——— Nichols. Two children.

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SAMUEL BARTLETT[8] BENT (*George,*[7] *Lemuel,*[6] *Nedabiah,*[5] *Ebenezer,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]) was born Sept. 15, 1846, in Quincy, Mass., where he died March 20, 1875. He married, March 26, 1865, Eunice B. Hall, who is still living in Quincy, daughter of John and Sarah Ann (Blanchard) Hall:

Children, both born in Quincy:

i. JOHN HALL,[9] b. Aug. 26, 1866; living unm. in Quincy; clerk in the Roxbury post office; has been connected with the Boston post office since 1890.
ii. WINIFRED G., b. 1869; d. 1871.

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JAMES I.[8] BENT (*Isaac,*[7] *Lemuel,*[6] *Nedabiah,*[5] *Ebenezer,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]) was born Oct. 23, 1834, in Braintree, Mass., and is living in Brooklin, Me., which has been his home since he was seven years old; served a brief term in the U. S.

Navy during the Civil War. He married, Sept. 26, 1858, Dorothy Cunningham.

Child, born in Brooklin:

i. RALPH E.,[9] b. Aug. 7, 1866.

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JOHN MARDEN[8] BENT (*Samuel B.*,[7] *Isaac*,[6] *Nedabiah*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in New Sharon, Me.-Sept. 1, 1830, and died in Vienna, Me., April 4, 1894; moved from Monmouth, Me. to Vienna, in June, 1867. He married first, Oct. 26, 1856, Susanna Towle of Monmouth, who died in June, 1860. He married second, April 2, 1862, Louisa M. Sanborn of Vienna, who is living at Mt. Vernon, Me.

Children, i. born in Monmouth, ii. and iii. in Vienna:

i. NELLIE A.,[9] b. June 10, 1864; m. June, 1884, Hermon Heally of Mt. Vernon, Me. Four children.

ii. GEORGE M., b. July 10, 1870; farmer; living at Mt. Vernon, Me.; m. May, 1895, Blanche White of Vienna, Me.

iii. JOHN W., b. July 18, 1875; living unm. at Mt. Vernon, Me.

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ELBRIDGE GRAVES[8] BENT (*Samuel B.*,[7] *Isaac*,[6] *Nedabiah*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born in New Sharon, Me., Feb. 11, 1832; moved 1868 from Vienna, Me., where he had resided since 1851, to North Monmouth, Me., where he is still living. He married, Nov. 4, 1856, Nancy Sanborn of Vienna.

Child, born in Vienna:

i. HORACE S.,[9] b. Aug. 30, 1857; living in Monmouth Centre, Me., where he is station agent for the Maine Central R. R.; m. in 1880, Eliona M. Foss of North Monmouth, Me. One child, *Carroll W.*[10]

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ISAAC APPLETON[8] BENT (*Samuel B.*,[7] *Isaac*,[6] *Nedabiah*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in New Sharon, Me., Nov. 20, 1836, and is living in Bowler, Carbon Co., Montana; saw service in the Civil War; lived in Vienna, Monmouth and Abbot, Me., until August, 1876, when he removed to Nebraska. He married, May, 1859, Mary Brown of Vienna.

Children:

i. FRED L.,[9] b. September, 1860; blacksmith; living in Lincoln, Neb.; m. and has two children.

ii. EMMA M., b. March, 1865; living in Kearney, Neb.; m. Rollin Orcutt.

iii. WILBERT S., b. December, 1869.
iv. CLARENCE D., b. December, 1869.
v. WALLACE A., b. March, 1874.

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JOSIAH[8] BENT (*Josiah*,[7] *Josiah*,[6] *John*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Weymouth, Mass., Aug. 2, 1825, and died Nov. 9, 1863, in Kenosha, Wis., where he had been principal of the high school. At the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861, he enlisted in the 1st Wisconsin Cavalry, and became a lieutenant; while stationed at Helena, Ark., he was attacked with malarial dysentery, which caused his death; his remains were brought East and now lie in the family tomb at Milton, Mass. "His blameless character and wonderful fitness for a cavalry officer would have placed him high in rank had he lived," says the historian of Milton. He married, Sept. 10, 1855, Elizabeth D. Bacon of Newton, Mass., who was born in Washington, N. H., 1832, daughter of Hezekiah P. Bacon. She lived only a few years after her marriage.

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HENRY KIRK WHITE[8] BENT (*Josiah*,[7] *Josiah*,[6] *John*,[5] *Ebenezer*[4], *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Weymouth, Mass., Oct. 29, 1831, and is living in Southern California, which has been his home since 1868; moved to California in 1858. He is President of Board of Trustees of Pomona College, Claremont, Cal. He married first, in 1852, Jennie A. Crawford, who was born in Oakham, Mass., Dec. 7, 1834, and died in Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 30, 1876. He married second, in 1878, Martha Stevens Fairman, who was born in Plattsburg, N. Y., April 28, 1853.

Children of Henry K. W. and Jennie, i. born in Kenosha, Wis., ii. in Downieville, Cal., iii. in Los Angeles, Cal.:

i. FLORENCE PAULINE,[9] b. Jan. 17, 1855; living in Smartville, Yuba Co., Cal.; m. Nov. 6, 1877, Willard G. Halstead of Rome, N. Y. One child, *Pauline*,[10] d. æ. 5.
ii. ARTHUR SAMUEL, b. April 25, 1863; living in Los Angeles, Cal.
iii. HENRY STANLEY, b. Jan. 15, 1873; living in Claremont, Cal.

Children of Henry K. W. and Martha, both born in Los Angeles, Cal.:

i. CHARLES EDWIN,[9] b. Sept. 15, 1879; a student in Pomona College (1899).
ii. ERNEST FAIRMAN, b. Nov. 1, 1882.

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THACHER TUCKER[8] BENT (*Josiah*,[7] *Josiah*,[6] *John*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Weymouth, Mass., Sept. 4, 1833, and is living in Oglesby, Ill. He left Massachusetts for the West in 1854 and for five years was engaged in railroad surveying in Southeastern Wisconsin. In 1859 he settled in Kenosha, Wis., and engaged in different manufacturing enterprises until October, 1867, when he removed to Oglesby, Ill., to engage in the coal mining business. The Oglesby Coal Co., of which he is president and general manager, is now owned by him and his sons exclusively. He married first, Sept. 12, 1861, at Stirling, Ill., Florence Genevieve Dana, who was born in West Wheeling, Ill., Sept. 12, 1842, and died in Oglesby, April 16, 1873. He married second, Oct. 1, 1874, at La Salle, Ill., Mrs. Alice Sisson (Blish) Yeats, who was born at Griswold's Landing, Mo., Jan. 8, 1842.

Children of Thacher T. and Florence G., i. and ii. born in Kenosha, Wis., iii. in Oglesby:

i. EDWARD THACHER,[9] Jan. 20, 1863; living unm. in Oglesby, Ill.; superintendent of the Oglesby Coal Co.

ii. HENRY ALBERT, b. July 2, 1866; living in Oglesby, Ill.; secretary of the Oglesby Coal Co.; m. Sept. 20, 1895, at Jacksonville, Ill., Josephine Louise Roberts, who was b. at Tremont, Ill., Sept. 3, 1869. One child, *George Roberts*,[10] b. at Oglesby, Jan. 4, 1898.

iii. FLORENCE DANA, b. Sept. 15, 1871; living unm. in Oglesby, Ill.

Children of Thacher T., by second marriage, both born in Oglesby:

i. JOSIAH RAYMOND,[9] b. Jan. 3, 1877; is connected with Oglesby Coal Co.

ii. ALICE PAULINE, b. June 6, 1878.

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GEORGE HENRY[8] BENT (*Samuel T.*,[7] *Josiah*,[6] *John*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born Aug. 21, 1843, in Milton, Mass., where he still lives in the town that has been the home of his ancestors for two hundred years; his family is the only one of the name now left there. For many years he worked for the old cracker firm of Bent & Co., the management of which had gone out of the Bent family. June 6, 1892, he and two other gentlemen, John F. Merrill of Quincy, and Charles A. Griggs of Milton, formed the firm of G. H. Bent & Co., and their cold-water crackers are already well and favorably known. He married, June 20, 1871, Edna S., daughter of James M. and Adelaide (Wilde) Hayden of Quincy. She died in Milton, Dec. 17, 1895, æ. 44.

WILLIAM H. BENT, OF TAUNTON, MASS.

Children, all born in Milton:

i. FRANCES ASHTON,[9] b. Feb. 29, 1872; living in Milton; m. June 30, 1892, John Leslie Carter. One child, *Frances Madeline*[10] *Carter.*

ii. ANNA MABEL, b. July 5, 1873; burned to death in Milton, January, 1898; m. Nov. 22, 1893, Charles Bradlee of Milton. One child, *Edna Louisa*[10] *Bradlee.*

iii. ARTHUR PRESTON, b. July 24, 1876; d. May 16, 1886.

iv. GERTRUDE MILTON, b. Aug. 2, 1880.

v. EMELINE HERSEY, b. July 15, 1882.

vi. JESSE PIERCE, b. Dec. 2, 1883.

vii. HARVEY, b. and d. June, 1885.

viii. GEORGE FRANKLIN, b. May 7, 1886.

ix. ROY, b. Aug. 17, 1891.

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CHARLES MCILVAINE[8] BENT (*Nathaniel T.*,[7] *Josiah*,[6] *John*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in New Bedford, Mass., Oct. 5, 1835, and is living in Worcester, Mass., where he has made his home since May, 1849. He has been for many years treasurer of the Peoples Savings Bank, and one of the directors of the Worcester County Musical Association. Since 1896 he has been president of the latter. He is warden of All Saints' Episcopal church (of which his father was rector from 1849 to 1852) and has been delegate to diocesan conventions many times. He married, in 1867, Helen Maria, daughter of James L. and Helen M. Kennedy of Milton:

Children, both born in Worcester:

i. ROBERT METCALF,[9] b. July 21, 1870; d. young.

ii. CATHERINE METCALF, b. Feb. 6, 1875.

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WILLIAM HENRY[8] BENT (*Nathaniel T.*,[7] *Josiah*,[6] *John*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 2, 1839, and is living in Taunton, Mass., where he has been for many years treasurer of the Mason Machine Works, which employs a thousand men in the manufacture of locomotives, machinery, etc. In 1888, he was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in Chicago; and in 1893 and 1894, president of the Home Market Club of Massachusetts; in February, 1899, he was one of the committee of the latter organization delegated to meet President McKinley and party on the occasion of their visit to Boston. Mr. Bent is warden of St. Thomas's Church and a frequent member of diocesan conventions. He married first, June 14, 1865, Harriet Fellows, daughter of Charles J. Hendee of Roxbury, Mass.

She died in Taunton, Feb. 21, 1873, æ. 27. He married second, Jan. 30, 1885, Sarah E. Chesborough.

Children, all born in Taunton:

i. ARTHUR CLEVELAND,[9] b. Nov. 25, 1866; graduated from Harvard College in 1889.
ii. FREDERICK HENDEE, b. Feb. 16, 1869; graduated from Harvard College in 1889; d. in Taunton, Jan. 14, 1897.
iii. CHARLES, b. and d. 1873.

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EDWARD CLARENCE[8] BENT (*Edward Dexter,*[7] *John,*[6] *John,*[5] *Ebenezer,*[4] *Joseph,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]) was born in Fitzwilliam, N. H., Aug. 5, 1852, and is living in Dell Rapids, South Dakota. He is a druggist, and secretary of the South Dakota State Pharmaceutical Association; has lived in Chicago, Ill., Deadwood, S. D., Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Sioux Falls, S. D. He married, May 8, 1878, Hannah Stillwell.

Children, both born in Deadwood, S. D.:

i. LESTER HAWES,[9] b. July 12, 1884.
ii. MILDRED RUTH, b. Aug. 8, 1885.

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CHARLES AUGUSTUS[9] BENT (*William E.,*[8] *William,*[7] *William,*[6] *John,*[5] *Joseph,*[4] *Experience,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]) was born in West Paris, Me., Aug. 18, 1857; went to Wisconsin with his father in 1865 and now manages, with his brother Horace, a hunting and fishing resort at Lake Mamie, twelve miles west of State Line post office, in the heart of the forest in Northern Wisconsin, in an exceedingly picturesque lake region, where big game still abounds. He married, April 30, 1884, Elizabeth B. Twombly of Somerville, Mass., daughter of Joseph and Susan.

Children, all born in Abrams, Wis.:

i. AUSTIN TWOMBLY,[10] b. April, 1885.
ii. ELSIE FAY, b. 1891.
iii. MAMIE ODERON, b. 1894.

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GEORGE HENRY[9] BENT (*William E.,*[8] *William,*[7] *William,*[6] *John,*[5] *Joseph,*[4] *Experience,*[3] *Joseph,*[2] *John*[1]), farmer, was born

in West Paris, Me., Feb. 20, 1862; while yet in infancy went to Wisconsin with his parents; since December, 1894, he has lived in Santa Ana, Cal. He married, July 1, 1885, Carrie M., daughter of William Lee Stroud of Oshkosh, Wis.

Children, i. born in Abrams, Wis., ii. in Cucamonga, Cal.:

i. CORNELIA ORISSA,[10] b. April 15, 1886.
ii. AMY HERMOSA, b. July 9, 1889.

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BARRY DICKEY[9] BENT (*Rufus F.*,[8] *William F.*,[7] *Jesse*,[6] *Jesse*,[5] *John*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Pugwash, N. S., April 20, 1857; living in Amherst, N. S., where he is in the wholesale and retail grocery business. He married, June 5, 1883, Sarah Agnes Mowbray, youngest daughter of W. P. Moffat, barrister, of Amherst, N. S.

Children, all born in Amherst:

i. ETHEL MOWBRAY,[10] b. Nov. 12, 1884.
ii. BARRY ERNEST, b. June 26, 1886.
iii. FLORA HAZEL, b. 1888; d. 1889.
iv. MABEL WINIFRED, b. June 21, 189–.

UNCLASSIFIED MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY.

AVERY BENT (1787–1830). Sept. 15, 1806, William Cutter, ropemaker, of Boston, is appointed guardian of Avery Bent, minor, son of Elwin Bent, late of Boston, ship carpenter. July 2, 1813, he married Eliza Hamson of Charlestown, a native of Salem. He first appears in the Boston Directory in 1816 (none printed in 1814 and 1815) as a ropemaker on Pleasant Street. He died in Charlestown, Mass., Sept. 13, 1830, æ. 43, leaving a son—

AVERY P. BENT (1812–1870), who was born in Charlestown, but lived some years in Truro, Mass., where he had a son, Henry H. Bradley Bent, born May 4, 1841, who probably died young. Avery P. died in Boston, Aug. 25, 1870, æ. 57–10–15 (*i. e.* born Oct. 10, 1812) and was buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Dorchester. Occupation given as fish dealer. Only heirs seem to be widow Sarah C. and daughter(?) Elizabeth H., wife of Ezra B. Leonard.

BUCKLEY BENT kept a dry goods store on Lindall Street (now Exchange Place), Boston, in 1822 and 1823. He appears in the directories of New York City from 1827 to 1833, and perhaps others.

CHRISTOPHER BENT, grocer, New York City, 1827.

DAVID BENT, JR., merchant, Philadelphia, 1830.

EVERETT W. BENT, who is living in Winchester, N. H., JONAH F. BENT who died there about 1887, and LEMUEL BENT JR., who died in Northfield, Mass., Jan. 22, 1869, are all descendants, presumably, of Nathan[5] Bent, who settled in Winchester, N. H., in 1797.

GEORGE WHITFIELD BENT, son of Lewis and Sarah (Spinney) Bent, and brother of Frances Emma Bent, wife of Nathan Webster of Melrose, Mass., was born in Nova Scotia in 1845, and is living in Hyde Park, Mass., which has been his home since 1872. When six or seven years old he accompanied his mother to Marblehead, Mass. At the age of seventeen, Sept. 15, 1862, he enlisted in the 8th Mass. Infantry and for the succeeding nine months was in service in North Carolina and Virginia. July 9, 1864, he re-enlisted in Co. D, 5th Mass. Infantry, and served until Nov. 16, 1864. After the war he learned the upholstery trade in Salem and Boston and for some years was in the employ of Haley, Morse & Co., Boston. In the fall of 1881 he began the manufacture of church cushions and mattresses in a small way, and gradually added spring beds, folding beds, iron beds, etc., until now he is the largest

bed and bedding manufacturer in New England, with mills at Ossipee and Moultonboro', N. H., a foundry at Everett, Mass., and commodious warerooms on Causeway Street, Boston, opposite the North Union Station. He married first, Jan. 20, 1870, Catherine D. Tilley of Charlestown, who died Dec. 27, 1894. He married second, Jan. 30, 1896, Elizabeth Wilson of Reading, Mass., formerly of Nova Scotia.

Children by the first marriage, i. born in Charlestown, the others in Hyde Park, Mass.:

i. MARY STELLA, b. Oct. 23, 1870.
ii. HARRY LINCOLN, b. Nov. 29, 1872; living in Hyde Park, Mass.; in business with his father; m. Oct. 20, 1897, Ida Luella, dau. of I. Wallace White of Dedham.
iii. GEORGE LINCOLN, b. July 8, 1874; d. July 4, 1883.
iv. ARTHUR FLETCHER, b. Feb. 28, 1882.
v. FLORENCE ELIZA, b. Oct. 19, 1885.

GILBERT BENT, machinist, son of Alpheus and Fanny (Smith) Bent, was born in Port George, Annapolis Co., N. S., Sept. 17, 1851; lived in Hopedale, Mass. and Woonsocket, R. I. He married, Oct. 16, 1878, Jennie Louise Darling, who was born in Milford, Mass., Aug. 8, 1853, daughter of Rodney L. and Pamelia (Darling) Darling.

Child of Gilbert and Jennie:

i. GEORGE WILLIAM, b. Nov. 23, 1879.

JOHN BENT, carriage-wright, a native of Charlestown, Mass., died in Wayland, Mass., March 27, 1852, æ. 65.

JOHN BENT, a lawyer, came from the West early in the nineteenth century and settled at Gloucester, Mass. He married there, but both he and his wife died soon after leaving an only son—

JOHN BENT, mariner, who was born Dec. 24, 1809, in Gloucester, where he died Aug. 5, 1875, æ. 65. He married Emeline E. ———.

Children of John and Emeline, all born in Gloucester:

i. EDWARD F., m. and has a daughter, *Gertrude C.*
ii. EMELINE ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 7, 1830.
iii. MARY ELIZA, b. 1832; d. 1836.
iv. RACHEL, b. 1834; d. 1836.
v. MARY ELIZA, b. 1836; d. 1839.
vi. JOHN HIRAM, b. Nov. 27, 1838; mariner of Rockport; d. in Worcester, of sunstroke, June 28, 1866.
vii. LOISA, b. Jan. 9, 1841.

SAMUEL LAWRENCE BENT was bound out to work when a young man, and afterwards ran away to sea. On the ship he met a Swedish girl, Mary Sodderbergen, and later he went to her home on the Baltic and was married to her. He was lost at sea and soon after

his wife died. They had two children, Samuel and Charles Franklin, the latter of whom died in infancy.

SAMUEL BENT, born in Sweden, Aug. 25, 1814, son of the preceding, was sent when eight years old (after the death of his parents) to America in search of his American relatives, but they were not found and he was brought up by the sea captain that took him from Sweden. Jan. 7, 1843, he was married in Lowell, Mass., to Elizabeth Ann Piper, a native of Newfield, Me., daughter of Nathaniel and Hetty Ann (Varney) Piper, by whom he had two sons, Samuel A. and Charles F., the latter of whom died in infancy. Samuel died in Lowell, May 6, 1849, æ. 34. In 1861 his widow went South with General Butler to care for the sick at Fortress Monroe. After the war she married William A. Cooper, who lived only a few months, and settled in Yorktown (Va.), where she has kept a hotel.

SAMUEL A. BENT (son of the preceding) was born in Lowell, Mass., Jan. 25, 1844, and died in Yorktown, Va., Dec. 8, 1880. He married Mary Etta Cluverius, and had three children:

i. SAMUEL A. BENT, b. Aug. 16, 1875; is foreman on the Old Dominion S. S. Wharf, at Newport News, Va.; m. Sept. 27, 1893, at Newport News, Mary Johnson. One child, *Elinor*, b. May, 1895.
ii. PEARLEY CRANSTONE BENT, b. Feb. 5, 1878.
iii. JESSIE ETTA, b. Oct. 3, 1880.

SIDNEY BENT, son of James, was born May 9, 1836, in Granville, N. S., where he still lives. He married Mary Jane, born Feb. 4, 1842, daughter of Thomas and Mary Hudson. Children:

i. MARY ANN, b. Dec. 27, 1863; d. April 10, 1887; m. Fred Amos Taylor, and lived in Lynn, Mass.
ii. HOWARD JAMES, b. March 20, 1865; living in Keene, N. H., where he is in ice business; m. Susan McCouch; three chil.
iii. ELIZA JANE, b. Nov. 8, 1867; living in Beaconsfield, N. S.; m. July 3, 1884, Smith Lovemore, a farmer.
iv. GERTRUDE AGNES, b. 1872; d. 1881.
v. GEORGE WATSON, b. 1874; d. 1881.
vi. ARCHIBALD PARKER, b. June 1, 1879.
vii. HAZEL GERTRUDE, b. March 18, 1883.
viii. BESSIE JOSEPHINE, b. March 24, 1886.

WILLIAM BENT, a trunk maker in Boston, in 1844, '45, '46, died Nov. 22, 1878, æ. 70, in Rhode Island. He was born in Boston, son of William and Jane Bent. He married, April 16, 1843, Hannah Scammon, a native of Saco, Me., who went to Boston young, and died soon after marriage, leaving two children, Ellen B., who married W. P. Osborne and lives in Portland, Me., and Eva H. Bent, manager of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co., Biddeford, Me.

BENTS IN AMERICA, NOT DESCENDED FROM JOHN BENT OF SUDBURY, 1638.

JOHN BENT and Sarah Smith were married at South Kingston, R. I., Nov. 13, 1737, and died in Hopkinton, R. I., in the summer of 1784. It has not been ascertained, where this John Bent came from. He was still in South Kingston in 1767, but was in Hopkinton by 1778, when one of his slaves, Prince Bent, valued at £120, enlisted for the rest of the war in the First Battalion, Rhode Island forces. There are probably no descendants of his by the name of Bent now living, for in his will the legatees are the widow Mary (evidently a second wife), and five daughters, Mary Bent Junr, Sarah Helme, Elizabeth Douglas, Catherine wife of Thomas Potter Gardner, Jane Bent (who died unmarried in Hopkinton in 1820) and a grand-daughter Hannah Bent. The latter, Hannah, born July 10, 1771 (married Jan. 24, 1799, William Chapman Jr.) was a daughter of John Bent Jr., who married Oct. 10, 1770, Hannah Saunders of Westerly, R. I.

PRINCE BENT, the slave of John Bent, died in Hopkinton, R. I., April 24, 1833, leaving a widow Betsey, who died July 28, 1833. They had two children: Martha Bent, who died in Westerly, R. I., and Prince Bent, who died in Charlestown, R. I., April 21, 1864, æ. about 80. The latter married Nancy Stanton, an Indian doctor of the once powerful Narragansett tribe. She died May 25, 1853, leaving seven children: 1. Joseph, living in Charlestown, R. I. 2. Jacob P., living in Charlestown, R. I. 3. William Henry, living in Bristol, R. I. 4. Edward, died young. 5. Betsey, living in Bristol, R. I. 6. Abby J., died May 23, 1874. 7. Annie S., married Isaac Jones and lives in Westerly, R. I. Joseph has five children: Jane, Melissa, Nancy, John and Edward.

BENJAMIN C. BENT, musician, from England, located in New York City about 1872, followed two years later by his brother FREDERICK W. BENT, and in 1879 by another brother ARTHUR BENT, who died in 1884, at which time he was cornet soloist in Gilmore's Band, a position afterwards held by Benjamin C. Bent.

JOHN BENT, who died in Boston, May 14, 1849, æ. 40, came from the "old country" a few years before. By his wife Bridget, who died in Boston, Dec. 30, 1872, æ. 62, he had three children:

i. PETER, b. 1834; d. in Boston, March 31, 1871, æ. 36 yrs. and 9 mos.

ii. JAMES, b. 1837; d. in Boston, Feb. 13, 1889, aged 52; well known in North End sporting circles for many years. By wife Mary

he had three children: 1. *Mary Ellen*, m. John Smith of Chelsea. 2. *Julia*, m. Frank J. McCarty of Boston. 3. *John J.*, living in Boston.

iii. JOHN, b. 1840; d. in Boston, July 15, 1876, æ. 36; m. Frances Johnson, who d. in City Hospital, Boston, Feb. 20, 1878, æ. 29.

JOSEPH BENT, who was born in 1812, and died in 1888, came from Bristol, England, about 1844, and settled in Boston, Mass., where his wife Jane, a native of Wales, daughter of Robert Roberts, died Dec. 16, 1863, æ. 44, leaving a son —

CHARLES R. BENT, who saw service in the 44th Mass. Infantry in 1862, and has since been a printer in Cambridge, Mass. He married, Nov. 12, 1869, Antoinette Spare of Cambridge, who died Aug. 4, 1874, æ. 26, leaving a son—

CHARLES LYMAN BENT, who graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1894, and became second lieutenant in the U. S. Army. In 1898 he was appointed first lieutenant in the 7th U. S. Infantry, and saw active service in the Cuban campaign. Now stationed at Fort Barry, Michigan. He married in California.

RICHARD BENT, from near Liverpool, England, settled in New York City about 1820. He married a Scotch lady, and died in New York City in 1852, leaving two daughters and a son—

RICHARD M. BENT, who has been a piano manufacturer in New York City since about 1870.

ROBERT BENT of Boston, Mass., son of George and Sarah (Griffith) Bent, is a native of Manchester, England, which he left for Montreal, Canada, about 1889. Six years later he removed to Boston. He married Christina Mace of Berwick-on-Tweed, Scotland. Three children: 1. Robert, born in England. 2. Clara Mace. 3. Frank Noel.

WILLIAM G. BENT of Boston, who was killed Nov. 23, 1891, by an accidental explosion in his business (calcium light), was a native of England. He has relatives in Chicago.

JAMES ALLEN BENT (son of George), attorney-at-law, Elkins, West Virginia, has published a "Digest of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia from 1863 to 1887." His grandfather, a soldier of the War of 1812, changed his name from Broadbelt to Bent.

STEPHEN C. BENT of Boston, who died in Newton, Mass., June 16, 1882, æ. 73, and was buried in Weston, was born a Chase and had his name legally changed. He married Julia C. Johnson, who died in Watertown, Mass., Feb. 17, 1884, æ. 75.

MEMORIALS QUAINT AND OLDEN.

*WILL OF JOHN BENT OF ENGLAND, 1588.

In the name of god Amen the xixth daie of June 1588 in the thirtieth yeare of the Raigne of o^{r} Soveraigne Ladie Elizabeth &c I John Bent of Peinton Grafton in the p'ishe of waiehill beinge sicke in bodie but of p'fect remembrance thanks be geue' to Almightie god doe make and ordaine this my last will and Testament in manner and forme followinge Imp'mis I geue and yeeld my soule into the hands of Almightie god my onelie maker and redeemer &c Itm I geue and bequeath vnto the pishe church of Waiehill aforesaid xij^{d} Itm I geue & bequeath vnto the poor mans box vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm I geue and bequeath vnto my sonne Robt Bent xl^{s} Itm I geue and bequeath vnto David Bent my sonne xl^{s} Itm I geue vnto Richard Bent my sonne xl^{s} Itm I geue vnto Ede Bent my daughter iij^{ll} Itm I geue vnto Marie Bent my daughter xl^{s} Itm I geue vnto Joane Bent my daughter xl^{s} Itm I geue vnto Als Bent my daughter xl^{s} Itm I geue vnto Annis Bent my daughter xl^{s} Itm I give vnto my sonne David aforesaid my blacke Calfe Itm yf anie of these my children dye before they receaue their legacies I will that his or her part deceased shalbe by euen portions divided amongst the rest surviving Item I geue vnto everie of my godchildren vj^{d} a piece, All the rest of my goods and Cattels moueable or vnmoueable not geuen nor bequeathed I geue wholelie vnto my wife Ede Bent whome I make & ordaine my whole executrix of this my last will and testament paieing my debts and legacies And I appoint to be my overseers my loveing ffriends John Grace and Richard Cole, And I geue vnto each of them for their paines ij^{s} a peece Witnesse walter waight Robt mansfield Henrie ffan Proved 18 September 1588 in the Consistory Court of Winton

Inventory amounts to xiij^{ll} vj^{d}

WILL OF EDITH BENT OF ENGLAND, 1601.

In the name of God Amen the xvth daye of June in the three and fortethe yere of the Reigne of oue^{r} Sou'aigne Ladye Elizabeth By the grace of god Queen of England fraunce and Irelande defende^{r} of the faith &c I Edythe Bente of Calne in the Countye of Wiltes widowe. Beinge sicke in bodye but of good and p'fecte memorye I thanke god therefore doe make my Laste Will and Testament in manner and forme followinge. (that is to saye) firste I bequeathe my soule ynto the handes of almightie god, my

* For these three English wills the writer is indebted to Mr. E. C. Felton of Steelton, Pa. An abstract of them, with the Penton-Grafton records, was published in the *New-England Historical and Genealogical Register* for January, 1895. The first and second are the wills of the grand-parents, and the third that of the father of John[1] Bent, who settled in Sudbury in 1638.

heauenlye father. Who hath made me and all the worlde, and in Jesus Christe my onelye Savyoure and Redeeme[r] and the holye ghoste. Whoe sanctyfyed me, Itm. I. giue and bequeathe to the p'ishe Churche of Calne, iiij[d] and to the poor mans boxe there iiij[d] Itm. I. giue and bequeathe to my Sonne Richarde Bent fower sheepe and one hayfer bollocke one brasse pott. Itm I giue and bequeathe to my Cozen Richarde Bent, the sonne of Robert Bent one Lambe, Itm I giue to my sonne in lawe John Wyllyams. half my haue of wheate at Wayehill. and my haue of barley. at Wiggmore hill and my greateste brasse pott. three pewter platte's one Joyned bedsted withoute. a. Tester. and one flockebed thereunto belonginge withe. a. feather bolster and one newe Whyte Cou'ledd one payre of canvas sheetes and one Canvas bourde clothe, and one good blankett. Twooe sheepe Syxe bushells of wheate and three bushells of maulte, with one new brasse kettell of the myddell sorte & one newe barrell and my best broche, and one Lyttyll Kyne and the best of my Tooe pygges, and the other half of my bacon, Itm I—and bequeathe to my daughter Ann Streete one Joyned bedsted. withe. a. Joyned Tester withe A flockebedd and all things belonging thereunto Three pewter platte's and one great Kettell and my other pigge. Itm I giue to my daughter Joane nashe(?) one brasse kettell. and one Rugge cou'ledd and one pott skylett & one cowe in consideracon of her fathe's legacye towards hir The Reste of my goods not bequeathed moueable vnmoueable I giue and bequeathe to my sonne Davye Bent, whome. I. doe make my whole and sole executo[r] And. I. doe nomynate and appoynte to be my over seers of truste Robert Tarrant of Clanfylde and Richard Coole of Pennyngton grafton Before Phillipp Roche Vicar there, Richarde fowler. Clarke.

Henrye Peares Nicholas Gowen and Richarde pester withe othe's

Proved September 30, 1601, in the Consistory Court of Winton.

The Inventory is dated 19 June 43 Elizabeth. In it the testatrix is described as of Pynton Grafton. Total amount not stated.

WILL OF ROBERT BENT OF ENGLAND, 1631.

In the name of God Amen I Robert Bent of Penton Grafton in the parish of Wayhill being sick of body but of perfect memry doe make my last will and Testament and thereby I doe commend my spirit vnto God, and doe bequeath vnto the Church a noble, and vnto the poore tenne groats* and I do bequeath vnto my Sonne Robert Bent fortie shillings, and to my Sonne John Bent fortie shillings, and to his sonne Robert I giue a young cowe, and to William Bent the sonne of the said John Bent two yewes and to Peter Bent the sonne of the said John Bent two yewes and to Añis Bent the daughter of the said John, I giue two yewes, I giue to William Baker my sonn in lawe & my Daughter Dennys his wife twenty pounds of good & lawfull money of England and to Elizabeth Baker the Daughter of the said William I giue nine pounds; and to Obadiah Baker the sonne of the said William Baker I giue nine pounds of good & lawfull money of England, and if either of them die I leave it to the disposing of their mother my Daughter Dennys. And vnto my Daughter Annis Barnes I giue fortie pounds of good and lawfull money of England and to her sonne young

* A noble was 6s. 8d., and a groat 4d.

Richard Barnes I give tenne pounds of good & lawfull money of England. And I giue vnto my Daughter Jane the wife of Robert Plimpton tenne pounds of good & lawfull money of England; and to Robert Plimpton their sonne I giue two yewes; and to Thomas Plimpton their Sonne I giue two yewes. and to William Plimpton their sonne two yewes And to Jane Plimpton their Daughter I giue two yewes And to Elizabeth Plimpton the Daughter of the said Robert Plimpton I giue fiue pounds of good & lawfull money of England And to my Aunte Drew I give one bushell of wheate And to my sister Annis Streete I giue one bushell of wheate And vnto Joanne Noyse my sister the wife of William Noyse I give one bushell of wheate And the rest of my goods I bequeathe vnto my wife whome I make my exequetor of this my last will & Testament. my will is that the legaceases giuen vnto my sonne William Baker and his wife to be paid vnto them twelfe months after my deses. and the tenn pound giuen vnto my daughter Joanne to be paid vnto hir the 23 day of march nixt: and ye fife pound I have giuen vnto my Cussen Elezabeth Plemton to be paid vnto hir hir day of maridge. And I desier my newbores Peter Noyes and Henry Tuncks to be overseers of this my will: and I giue them for their paines xij^d a peece. I giue unto Annes Bent ye daughter of Richard; 2 ewes and I do giue unto Mary Bent ye daughter of Richard Bent 2 ewes In witnesse whereof wee have set to our hands George Tarrant minister of weyhill Peter Noyes Henry Tuncks his mark K

No Probate Acct. Consistory Court of Winton.

Inventory dated Aug. 30, 1631. Some is 107^li j^s ij^d.

Beginning at "my will is" the remainder is in different hand-writing.

WILL OF JOHN[1] BENT OF SUDBURY, MASS., 1672.

THE fourtenth of september in the yeare of the lord god one thousand six hundred seventy two I John Bent senior of Sudbury in the County of midlsex in new England, being weake in body, yet in pfect memory blessed be the lord for it, Revoaking all other wills, doe make this my last will and testament, And doe dispose of my worldly estate as followeth, Imprimis I doe make martha my beloued wife, and my oldest sonne Peter Bent my lawfull executors to this my will, Item I give and bequeath unto martha my beloved wife, my new dwelling house after my decease, with all my Barnes and other out houseing thereunto Belonging, with all my lands both meadow and upland, and two thirds my right in Commonage, excepting that pt of my lands which I have given formerly to my sonne Joseph Bent as will appeare in a deed made and signed to the sayd Joseph Bent, also excepting apcell of land being my right in the new grant, which I shall dispose of as will further appeare, To have and to hold quietly to enjoy and possese during her naturall life, or soe long as she remaynes awiddow, also my will is that after the decease of martha my beloved wife, or in case she shall marry that then my houseing and lands which I have left to her shall returne unto my sonne Peter Bent and his heyres forever, also I give and bequeath unto martha my beloved wife all my stock of chattells and moveables, household goods with all other utensells upon the premises, & debts & dues, she the sayd martha paying all such legasies as I shall dispose of in this my will, Item I give and bequeath unto John Bent my sonne Twenty

pounds to be payd the one third pt therof within ayeare after my decease the other two thirds after the decease of martha my beloved wife or at her marriage, Item I give and bequeath unto Agnis Rice my daughter the summe of ten pounds to be paid within a yeare after my decease that is to say the one third pt of it and the other two thirds after the decease of martha my beloved wife or at her marriage Item I give my daughter martha How, ten pounds to be payd within ayeare the one third pt and the other two thirds after the decease of martha my beloved wife or at her marriage, Item I give and bequeath unto Hannah Bent the daughter of my sonne John Bent the one half of my land lying in the new grant to remayne in the posession of her father untill she comes of age, also I give unto John How the oldest sonne of my daughter martha How the other halfe of my new grant, and to remayne in the possesion of Samuel How his father untill he comes of age. Item I give and bequeath unto Peter Bent the oldest sonne of Peter Bent my sonne foure pounds to be payd within ayeare after my decease, Item I give to John Rice the sonne of my daughter agnis Rice foure pounds to be payd within ayeare after my decease, Item I give to Joseph Bent my sonne one third pt of my right in Commonage after my decease, also my will is that whereas I have made a deed to Joseph Bent my sonne of apt of my land, that he the sayd Joseph Bent shall quietly enjoy the same without molestation, & have it owned according according to law, also whereas I formerly gave to peter Bent my sonne foure acres of meadow upon condition that it should remayne to his then dwelling house at laniham for ever wthout any allination from the premises, my will is that it shall soe remayn Also my will is that Henery Rice and John Stone shall be overseers to this my will In witnes whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seale.

witnes Hereunto
JOHN STONE.
JOHN RICE.

JOHN BENT.

sworn in courte 8· 2· 1672
by ye witnesses subscribed
T. D. R.

Note.—The initials at the end of the above are for Thomas Danforth, Recorder. Henry Rice was the eldest brother of Edward Rice who married John Bent's daughter. Both came with their father Edmund Rice, who was among the first settlers of Sudbury. John Stone was one of the first settlers of Sudbury, a son of Deacon Gregory Stone of Cambridge. Lanham, or laniham as it is written in the will, was, and still is, a school district in the south part of the town. The word senior is interlined in the original. Perhaps it should be added that as March was at this time called the first month the eighth month was October. The original will is in the Middlesex Registry of Probate at East Cambridge, Mass.

JOHN BENT'S INVENTORY, 1672.

An Inuetory of the estate of John Bent sen^{r} of Sudbury in the County of midlsex in the macachusets Colony in new England deceased this life the twenty seuenth of Septembe one thousand six hundrd seventy two. Taken by us whose names are underwritten.

Imprimis

The dwelling houses Barnes and other houseing & lands adioning to the house prisd at	60—00—00
The meadow	14—00—00
six kowes & a steer	25—00—00
four oxen & two calues	17—00—00
ten sheep	05—00—00
swine	07—00—00
horses	07—00—00
Corne in the Barne	20—00—00
Clouer in the Barne	06—00—00
Cart plows & other vtensels	03—00—00
his land called the new grant	30—00—00
In the bed Chamber	
His wearing clothes	10—00—00
His armour	02—00—00
one flocke bed with blanckts boulster and pillows	03—00—00
six payer of sheets pillow Tecks & Table linnen	04—00—00
two chests & two boxes	00—15—00
one feather bed & boulster one Couerlit one payer of blanckts one pillow	04—00—00
one bed Three blanckets and Two pillows	01—00—00
Two brasse kettles Two brasse skellets one morter one warming pan	02—12—00
one iron pot two trammells one spit one Gridiron one pott one andiron one payer of tongs one flesh forcke	01—00—00
one frying pan one hammer one payer of pincers, Sheers	00—10—00
Six peuter dishes two basens Two saucers one plate Spoones Two tinn panns & candlsticke a chamber pot two smoothing irons one knife	02—13—00
His Bookes	01—10—00
a sadle one pillion & cloth one pannell and bridle	01—10—00
Prouision in ye house	02—10—00
wooll one Hatchall sacks	01—03—00
One cloth Thre barrells one tub a churn Two payles four bottles Two kettles(?) one poudering tub milke vessells & other wooden vessells	02—10—00
fourr Tables Chayres & Chushins one forme seives a meale trough & other lumber	02—16—00
spinning wheels cards one cheese press and a Cannoe	01—00—00
The land at the river side	80—00—00

a brasse pot	00—10—00
Wollen yarne	02—10—00
A Bond from Joseph Bent	16—00—00
In mony	02—00—00
for Rent	05—00—00
Rent due from my brother Joseph Henery Rice John Stone	

Peter Bent appearing before the Hon^{ll} Capt Dan^{ll} Gookin & ye Record^{er} of ye Coun^{y} 31 - 11 - 1672 and being sworne do say that this is a true Inventory of the estate whereof his father Jno Bent dec'ed, was seized: and that if any more appeare he will ad the same hereunto

as attest

THOMAS DANFORTH Record^{er}

The original inventory is in two columns, the second and narrower column beginning with the words "His Bookes." It is not as easily read as the will, with which it is preserved. "Rent due from my brother" refers to Henry Rice's brother Joseph Rice. The whole amount of the inventory is £344–19–00.

PETITION OF ELIZABETH BENT, 1679.

The Massachusetts Archives (Vol. 69, p. 229) contain the following petition, embellished with many scrolls:

To the Hono^{ble} Gov. and Councill Sitting in Boston the 29th May, 1679.

The Petition of Elizabeth Bent, relict, widdow of Peter Bent, of Marlborrough, decea^{d}.

Humbly sheweth that your Petion^{rs} Habitation and almost all that shee had was consumed by the Indians in the Last warr and her husband went for England and there dyed and Lost all that he carryed with him and Left your petitio^{r} a very poore Widdow with Seven Children and in the Time of the Late Warr Shee billeted severale Souldiers so Long as that her bill did Amount to six pounds and Capt. Hull gave her a Note to the Constable for the payment of the Same, who will pay her onely Thre pounds in mony So that shee is an Extrordinary Looser thereby: Also she had Two Horses Imprest (viz.) one from watertowne and another from Charlestowne wh were out many months and at Last dyed never being returned home to her againe and being a poore Ignorant widdow, She never Looked after any Tickett or pay for them to this day.

Yo^{r} Poore petition^{r} therefore humbly Intreats the favor of yor hono^{s} to Impute this Neglect of Duty onely to her Ignorance and that the Law which doth exclude all persons from makeing further claime to debts due from the Country after the time therein Limited may nott debarr your Petitio^{r} from that wh is justly due, so Shall your Petitio^{r} and her poore fatherless ones Ever pray for Yo^{r} hono^{le} ct. ELIZABETH BENT.

GOV. CHARLES BENT'S APPOINTMENT.

THE following is copied from a printed notice preserved by a grandson of Governor Bent. The original is in both English and Spanish.

NOTICE.

Being duly authorized by the President of the United States of America, I hereby make the following appointments for the Government of New Mexico, a territory of the United States.

The officers thus appointed will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

CHARLES BENT	to be	Governor.
Donaciano Vigil	"	Sec. of Territory.
Richard Dallam	"	Marshall.
Francis P. Blair	"	U. S. Dist. Att'y.
Charles Blummer	"	Treasurer.
Eugene Leitensdorfer	"	Aud. of Pub. Acc.

Joal Houghton, Antonio Josè Otero, Charles Beaubien to be Judges of "the Superior Court."

Given at Santa Fé, the Capital of the Territory of New Mexico, this 22d day of September, 1846, and in the 71st year of the Independence of the United States.

S. W. KEARNY,
Brig. General
U. S. Army.

GOV. CHARLES BENT'S EPITAPH.

In memory of Gov. Charles Bent. Born Nov. 11, 1799, in St. Louis, Mo. Died Jan. 19, 1847, in Taos, New Mexico. He was the first American Governor of New Mexico and was killed by the Indians in the Massacre of Taos, in 1847. He was a man of kind and gentle manners ; of true benevolence of heart ; of untarnished probity and lofty carriage ; he laid down his life to save those dearer to him than life itself.

THE FAMILY IN WAR.

COLONIAL WARS.

John[1] Bent of Sudbury was one of Major Simon Willard's troopers in the expedition against Ninigret in November, 1654.

John[2] Bent of Framingham is called Corporal Bent in 1682.

Hopestill[3] Bent of Sudbury took part in the Canadian campaign of 1690, and on his tombstone is called Ensign.

John[3] Bent of Framingham was in service three weeks in August and Sept., 1725, in Capt. Isaac Clark's troop of horse in one of the lesser Indian wars—Father Ralle's war.

John[4] Bent of Southboro' was in Capt. Timothy Brigham's militia company in 1735, and sergeant in 1757.

Elijah[4] Bent of Sudbury was in Capt. Josiah Brown's company of horse in 1739 and in Capt. Moses Maynard's alarm company in 1757.

Capt. Lemuel[5] Bent of Milton was 2d Lieut. of Capt. Nathaniel Perry's Co. in 1754, 1st Lieut. under Col. John Winslow in Nova Scotia in 1755, Capt. in 1759 at Crown Point, and in 1760 and 1761 in Nova Scotia under Colonel Ruggles.

Capt. Joseph[4] Bent of Milton enlisted as 1st Lieut. in Col. Josiah Brown's Reg. in the expedition against Crown Point in 1755, was promoted to rank of Captain, and died at Albany, N. Y., Dec. 7, 1755.

Jonathan[5] Bent of Sudbury died in the Crown Point expedition of 1755.

Peter[4] Bent of Marlboro' was in Capt. Abraham Williams's militia company in 1757.

Peter[4] Bent Sr. and Peter[5] Bent Jr. of Sudbury were in Capt. Moses Maynard's alarm company in 1757.

Hopestill[4] Bent of Sudbury was in preceding company.

David[5] Bent of Sudbury was in Col. Joseph Buckminster's regiment that marched as far as Springfield in August, 1757, on an alarm for the relief of Fort William Henry.

David[4] Bent of Rutland was Sergt. in Capt. John Phelps's Co., Col. Ruggles's regiment, that marched as far as Kinderhook, N. Y., at the time of the alarm from Fort William Henry. In 1771 he was 1st Lieut. in Capt. Zacheus Gates's Co. in 3d Worcester County Reg. of militia, Col. John Murray. Afterwards Capt. in the Revolution.

Jesse[5] Bent of Milton appears as corporal in a list of men in Col. Samuel Miller's regiment (date not given).

Thomas[5] Bent of Sudbury was in Capt. Moses Maynard's alarm company in 1757. From June to Dec., 1760, he was corporal in Capt. Nathan Brigham's Co.

Joseph[5] Bent Jr. of Middleboro' served three months in 1758 in Capt. Benj. Pratt's Co., Col. Thomas Doty's Reg., recruited for the reduction of Canada.

Nedabiah[5] Bent of Milton enlisted in Capt. Aaron Willard's Co., Col. Oliver Partridge's Reg., for the reduction of Canada, in 1758. The records say that he had served in a former expedition to Lake George. In April, 1759, he enlisted in Col. Samuel Miller's Reg. for service under Gen. Amherst, but was transferred to Col. Timothy Ruggles's Reg. From Jan. 1 to May 13, 1760, he was in the Nova Scotia campaign in Capt. Moses Curtis's Co., Col. Frye's Reg.

William[5] Bent of Milton (afterwards of Canton) was in Col. Samuel Miller's Reg. for the reduction of Canada in 1758, Sergt. in Capt. Moses Curtis's Co., Col. Frye's Reg., from April, 1759, to July, 1760, Ensign in Capt. John Dunlap's Co., April 18, 1761, to Jan. 2 following, and Lieut. in 1762. In the early part of the Revolutionary war he was a Capt. in the Continental army.

Samuel[5] Bent, according to family tradition (his name has not been found in the Massachusetts archives), was in the Quebec campaign of 1759, in Capt. John Wade's Co.

Silas[5] Bent of Sudbury, afterwards of Rutland, was in service from April 16, 1760, to Dec. 3, 1760, in Capt. Ephraim Jackson's Co., raised for the reduction of Canada. In the Revolutionary war he was a Lieut. in the Continental Infantry and subsequently Lieut.-Colonel of a militia regiment.

John[5] Bent of Framingham was cornet in Capt. Benj. Pepper's troop of horse in Col. John Noyes's Reg., the 3d Middlesex, in 1771.

SOLDIERS OF THE REVOLUTION.*

Capt. David[4] Bent, of Rutland, started for Cambridge at the head of his company, with Col. Nathaniel Sparhawk's Reg., as soon as the news of the battle of Lexington was received. The early part of the following year (Feb. 5, 1776) he was commissioned 1st Lieut. in Capt. John Bowker's Co., attached to Colonel Whitney's Reg. April 6, 1776, he became Capt. of the fifth company in the 7th

* This list is made from the printed record of "Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War," prepared and published by the Secretary of the Commonwealth. The names Benj. Bent, Jacob Bent and Gideon Bent appearing there should be Kent, and David Bent, who saw service in 1781, Walter Bent and William Bent of Falmouth should probably be some other name, perhaps Kent or Burt, both of which look like Bent when written and have been confused with it.

Worcester County Reg., Col. Sparhawk's. He marched to Bennington, Vt., in August, 1777, when he was out eleven days, and from August 31, 1777, was with his regiment, then commanded by Col. Job Cushing, in the northern department. His resignation bears the date of March 13, 1780, at which time Col. Jonathan Grout was the regimental commander.

Ebenezer[5] Bent, of Milton, was in Capt. Josiah Vose's Co. that guarded the seashore in April, 1776, after Boston had been evacuated by the British.

Francis[6] Bent, of Middleboro', was fifer in Capt. Joshua Benson's Co., in Col. Theophilus Cotton's Reg., in service around Boston from May to December, 1775, including the battle of Bunker Hill. He was out five days on an alarm to Rhode Island in Lieut. Jonah Washburn's Co., Col. Ebenezer Sprout's Reg., in December, 1776, and out thirty-one days in a secret expedition to the same State in Sept. and Oct., 1777, as a private in Capt. Nehemiah Allen's Co., Col. Cotton's Reg. In May and Sept. he was fifer of Capt. Nathaniel Wood's Co., Col. Ebenezer Sprout's Reg., in two alarms to South Dartmouth, and from Aug. 1 to 9, 1780, was fifer of Capt. Jonah Washburn's Co. on still another alarm to Rhode Island.

Jabez[5] Bent, of Marlboro', was out six days in Capt. William Brigham's Co. that marched April 19, 1775.

Jason[5] Bent, of Sudbury,* marched to Concord, April 19, 1775, in Capt. Isaac Loker's Co., and was out three days.

Joel[5] Bent, of Hutchinson, now Barre, marched in Capt. John Black's Co. upon receipt of the news of the battle of Lexington, and was out eleven days, marching one hundred and eighty miles. He became captain of a militia company in 1781.

Lieut. John[5] Bent, of Framingham, was a private in Capt. Simon Edgell's Co., afterwards Capt. Jesse Eames's Co., on duty in Roxbury in 1776, Sergt. in Capt. Daniel Eames's Co. that was out thirty-three days from Sept. 29, 1777, and 1st Lieut. in Capt. Nathan Drury's Co. in 5th Middlesex Reg., July 22, 1779. He was also in service fourteen days on an alarm to Rhode Island in July and August, 1780.

John[5] Bent, of Milton, was in Capt. Oliver Vose's Co. that rendezvoused at Roxbury fifteen days after the Concord fight, and in Capt. John Bradley's Co., Col. Benjamin Gill's Reg., that marched, March 4, 1776, to Dorchester Heights (now South Boston) when the forts were being erected that drove the British from Boston; also in Capt. Josiah Vose's Co. that guarded the seacoast in the month following.

* All three of Jason Bent's brothers were in the Concord fight, as well as their father, though the latter was not attached to any company. Sudbury joins Concord, and the news that the British had started reached Sudbury at four o'clock in the morning, so well had Paul Revere and the Sons of Liberty performed their task to arouse "the country folk to be up and to arm."

John[6] Bent, of Middleboro', was in Capt. Washburn's Co., in Col. Ebenezer White's Reg., in Rhode Island service, Aug. 1 to 9, 1780.

Jonathan[5] Bent, of Sudbury, was in Capt. Joseph Smith's Co., April 19, 1775, and in service in 1776 in Capt. Asahel Wheeler's Co., in Col. John Robinson's Reg., at Roxbury.

Sergt. Josiah[5] Bent, of Framingham,* was a private in Capt. Simon Edgell's Co., April 19, 1775, in Capt. Thomas Drury's Co. during the siege of Boston the rest of that year, corporal in Capt. Aaron Gardner's Co. in 1776, and in 1780 Sergt. in Capt. Nathan Drury's Co. in service fourteen days on an alarm to Rhode Island.

Sergt. Matthias[5] Bent, of Framingham, was in Capt. Simon Edgell's Co. that hurried to Concord April 19, 1775, and was afterwards during the siege of Boston quartered in Roxbury. In July and August, 1780, he was in Capt. Nathan Drury's Co., Col. Abner Perry's Reg., in service fourteen days on an alarm to Rhode Island.

Nathan[5] Bent, of Sudbury, was fifer of Capt. Thaddeus Russell's Co., in Col. Jonathan Brewer's Reg., in service around Boston from May to Dec., 1775; in Capt. Daniel Whitney's Co., in Col. Asa Whitcomb's Reg., in the Ticonderoga campaign the following year, and in Capt. Thomas Brintnall's Co., Col. Cyprian How's Reg., in Rhode Island from Aug. 1 to Oct. 14, 1780.

Peter[5] Bent, of Marlboro', marched to Concord, April 19, 1775, in Capt. Daniel Barnes's Co., and was in the same company during the siege of Boston.

Peter Bent, of Needham(?), was out four days in Capt. Aaron Smith's Co. that marched from West Needham to Dorchester Heights when the forts were erected in March, 1776.

Peter[5] Bent, of Rutland, enlisted Feb. 14, 1777, in the 6th Reg., Continental Army, Col. Thomas Nixon, for the remainder of the war, but died or was killed after serving two years, ten months and seventeen days.

Prince Bent, a negro slave of John Bent of Hopkinton, R. I., valued at £120, enlisted March 12, 1778, for the remainder of the war in Capt. Elijah Lewis's Co. in the First Battalion R. I. forces, commanded by Christopher Greene, Esq. In July, 1778, he was marked prisoner of war; Jan. 1, 1779, on furlough; Feb. and April on guard, and March sick in quarters.

Rufus[5] Bent, of Sudbury, was in Capt. Isaac Loker's Co. at Concord, April 19, 1775. He was perhaps the Rufus Bent employed later in the war—Feb. 18, 1778 to Sept. 23, 1780, as conductor or wagon master in the Deputy Quartermaster General's department.

Samuel[5] Bent, of Sudbury, was one of the many that hurried from

* The Framingham companies reached Concord about noon and joined in the pursuit of the British.

"every Middlesex village and farm" to Concord on the nineteenth of April in '75. He was in Capt. Nathaniel Cudworth's Co. at that time, and in Capt. Asahel Wheeler's Co., Col. John Robinson's Reg., out twenty-six days from Feb. 4, 1776.

Lieut. Silas[5] Bent, of Rutland, afterwards Lieut.-Col. of the 7th Massachusetts Militia Reg., marched to Cambridge on receipt of the news of the battle of Lexington as a private in Capt. Thomas Eustis's Co., and was out twelve days. From May to Dec., 1775, he was Ensign of Capt. Adam Wheeler's Co. in Col. Ephraim Doolittle's Reg., in service around Boston. Jan. 1, 1776, he became 1st Lieutenant in Capt. Thomas Barnes's Co. in the 4th Reg. Continental Infantry, Col. Thomas Nixon.

Stephen[5] Bent, of Sudbury, saw service in the Ticonderoga campaign (1776) in Capt. Aaron Haynes's Co., Col. Asa Whitcomb's Reg., and served three months in New Jersey in 1777 in Capt. John Oliver's Co., Col. Nathaniel Sparhawk's Reg. At the Bennington alarm he was in Capt. Benj. Nye's Co., and July 1, 1778, he enlisted for six months in Capt. Jacob Haskins's Co., in Col. John Jacobs's Reg., for service in Rhode Island.

Thomas[5] Bent Jr., of Framingham, was out nine days from April 19, 1775, as corporal in Capt. Jesse Eames's Co., in which company he saw further service the following year.

Timothy[5] Bent, of Sudbury, gave up his life in the cause of liberty. He was at Concord April 19, 1775, in Capt. Joseph Smith's Co., and during the eight months' siege of Boston following, including the battle of Bunker Hill, was in Capt. Thaddeus Russell's Co. The following year he enlisted in Capt. Aaron Haynes's Co., in Col. Asa Whitcomb's Reg., for service at Ticonderoga, etc. He afterwards enlisted for three years in the 5th Continental Infantry, Col. Rufus Putnam's Reg., but at the end of eight months' service, Dec. 1, 1777, was reported dead.

Capt. William[5] Bent, of Stoughton, the part now Canton, marched to the front April 19, 1775, as a private in Capt. Asahel Smith's Co., remained at Cambridge a few days, returned to his home and recruited a company, at the head of which he marched April 27, being ordered to Roxbury and attached to Col. Wm. Heath's Reg., Continental army. This was stationed at Squantum at one time, but soon after ordered to Cambridge. At the end of the year he re-enlisted.

Lieut. William Bent, of Sudbury, marched as Sergt. in Capt. Joseph Smith's Co. April 19, 1775, and was out three days. In July, 1776, he was commissioned 1st Lieut. in Capt. Caleb Moulton's Co. (afterwards commanded by Capt. Robert Cutting), in the 4th Middlesex Reg., commanded by Col. Ezekiel How of the Red Horse Tavern. He seems to have continued in service as late as 1778 certainly.

MILITIA OFFICERS SINCE THE REVOLUTION.

Silas[5] Bent, of Rutland, commissioned Lieut.-Colonel of 7th Reg. Massachusetts Militia, July 1, 1781.

Joel[5] Bent, of Barre, brother of preceding, commissioned Capt. in same regiment at same time.

Jonathan[5] Bent, of Sudbury, commissioned Sept. 6, 1791, Capt. in the 1st Reg., 2d Brigade, 3d Division, Massachusetts Militia.

David Jackson[6] Bent, of Bangor, Me., was Major of a militia regiment called out to defend the seacoast during the war of 1812.

William[6] Bent, of East Sudbury, now Wayland, commissioned Ensign May 8, 1809, Lieut. Dec. 1, 1809, Captain Jan. 13, 1812, in 1st Reg., 2d Brigade, 3d Division, Massachusetts Militia. Received his discharge May 18, 1813.

James[6] Bent, of Canton, commissioned Quartermaster of the 2d Reg., 2d Brigade, 1st Division, Massachusetts Militia, April 1, 1816, Adjutant May 26, 1819. Received his discharge March 8, 1824.

James Valentine[5] Bent, of Nova Scotia, Captain in Militia.

THE CIVIL WAR.*

Major Luther S.[7] Bent enlisted from Quincy, May 22, 1861, for three months as private in Co. H, 4th Reg. Infantry, Mass. Vols. Re-enlisted August 24, 1861, as 1st Sergt. in Co. K, 18th Reg., for three years; promoted to 2d Lieut. July 30, 1862, 1st Lieut. Dec. 25, 1862, Capt. Dec. 24, 1863, Major July 29, 1864.

Capt. Fitz Edward[6] Bent enlisted from Quincy, May 22, 1861, for three months as a private in Co. H, 4th Reg. Infantry, Mass. Vols. Re-enlisted July 16, 1864, for one hundred days as Capt. of Co. B, 60th Reg. Again re-enlisted Feb. 28, 1865, for one year as 2d Lieut. in 62d Reg.; promoted to 1st Lieut. April 17, 1865, but never mustered as such owing to the close of the war.

Capt. Wm. H.[6] Bent enlisted from Newburyport, Aug. 9, 1862, for three years as 1st Sergt. of Co. A, 35th Reg.; promoted to 1st Lieut. Sept. 6, 1864; transferred to 29th Reg. and promoted to Capt. Nov. 29, 1864, serving to the expiration of the war.

Lieut. George O.[6] Bent, of Framingham, enlisted June 30, 1861, as private in Co. B, 29th Reg. Mass. Infantry. Re-enlisted in the field in same Co. and served as sergeant, sergeant-major and first lieutenant until the close of the war. Promoted to 1st Lieut. March 25, 1865.

Lieut. Samuel A. Bent, of Boston, enlisted April 19, 1861, at Fortress Monroe, as 1st Lieut. in a Mass. Battalion of Infantry, afterwards 29th Reg. Mass. Vols. Resigned July 18, 1861.

* As far as Massachusetts is concerned the list is complete, but the rest of it probably is not.

Lieut. Thomas D.[8] Bent, of Needham, enlisted Sept. 24, 1862, for nine months as private in Co. C, 43d Mass. Infantry. Re-enlisted Aug. 22, 1863, as 1st Sergt. in Co. D, 2d Reg. Heavy Artillery; promoted to 2d Lieut. April 10, 1865.

Amos R.[8] Bent enlisted from Bellingham, July 12, 1861, for three years in Co. E, 16th Mass. Infantry. Service terminated Sept. 27, 1862, cause disability.

Charles E.[8] Bent, musician, of Worcester, enlisted Sept. 30, 1862, for nine months in Co. E, 42d Mass. Infantry. Re-enlisted Dec. 9, 1863, for three years in Co. G, 2d Mass. Heavy Artillery; transferred to Co. H, and died of starvation July 15, 1864, at Andersonville Prison, Ga.

Charles M.[8] Bent enlisted from Boston, Sept. 9, 1861, for three years in the band of the 20th Mass. Infantry. Service terminated Aug. 8, 1862, by order of the War Dept.

Charles R. Bent, of Boston, enlisted Sept. 12, 1862, for nine months in Co. H, 44th Mass. Infantry.

Edward M.[8] Bent enlisted from Springfield, Nov. 7, 1864, for one year in Co. F, 61st Mass. Infantry, and died at Washington, D. C., July 2, 1865.

Ferdinand A.[7] Bent, of Mendon, enlisted June 10, 1862, for six months in 8th Battery Light Artillery, Mass. Vols.

Francis[8] Bent enlisted from Colrain, Mass., Jan. 2, 1865, in Co. B, 3d Mass. Heavy Artillery.

George A.[8] Bent, of Quincy, enlisted June 13, 1861, for three years in Co. H, 11th Mass. Infantry. Transferred Sept. 12, 1863, to Veteran Reserve corps.

George F.[8] Bent enlisted from Milton, June 15, 1861, for three years in Co. E, 7th Mass. Infantry, and died at Brightwood, D. C., March 9, 1862.

George W. Bent enlisted from Lynn, Sept. 15, 1862, for nine months in Co. I, 8th Mass. Infantry. Re-enlisted from Charlestown, July 18, 1864, for one hundred days in Co. D, 5th Mass. Infantry.

Henry Bent, of Stoneham, is among the unassigned recruits of 2d Mass. Cavalry, Nov. 16, 1864. Died at Cumberland, Me., June 3, 1865.

Herbert[8] Bent, of Boston, enlisted July 16, 1861, for three years in Co. B, 13th Mass. Infantry.

John E.[8] Bent enlisted from Worcester, Aug. 9, 1862, for three years in Co. F, 34th Mass. Infantry, and served to end of war.

John Q.[8] Bent, of Quincy, enlisted June 13, 1861, for three years in Co. H, 11th Mass. Infantry.

John S.[8] Bent enlisted from Boston, Sept. 19, 1862, for nine months in Co. E, 50th Mass. Infantry.

John T.[8] Bent enlisted from Boston, April 29, 1864, for ninety days in 1st Unattached Co. Mass. Infantry.

Joseph (F.?) Bent, of Carver, enlisted May 6, 1861, for three months in Co. K, 3d Mass. Infantry.

Judson L.[8] Bent, of Watertown, enlisted Sept. 19, 1862, for nine months in Co. K, 5th Mass. Infantry.

Marshall A.[7] Bent from Medway, was in the Veteran Reserve Corps, April 30, 1864, and was mustered out Nov. 14, 1864.

Milford Tedford[8] Bent, of Danvers, enlisted July 5, 1861, in Co. I, 14th Mass. Infantry, and died Feb. 25, 1862, at Andersonville, Ga.

Thomas H. Bent, of Plymouth, is among the unassigned recruits (three years' men) in the 29th Reg., March 10, 1862.

William H.[8] Bent, of Quincy, enlisted May 1, 1861, for three months in Co. K, 5th Mass. Infantry; re-enlisted Oct. 1, 1861, for three years in Co. B, 24th Mass. Infantry; became corporal Dec. 19, 1863; transferred April 17, 1865, to Veteran Reserve Corps.

William Q.[7] Bent, of Quincy, enlisted Sept. 26, 1862, for nine months in Co. G, 45th Mass. Infantry.

Luther M.[8] Bent, of Quincy, was a boatman, and died of wounds at Georgetown, D. C., Oct. 1, 1862.

Rev. Gilbert R.[8] Bent, Methodist clergyman, was a member of U. S. Christian Commission and at the front during the entire war, his first wife dying at Camp Parole, Annapolis, Md., March 4, 1864.

Lieut. Josiah[8] Bent enlisted in the 1st Wisconsin Cavalry in 1861, and died of malarial dysentery Nov. 9, 1863.

Alphonso[6] Bent, of Morrison, Ill., enlisted in 1862 in Co. H, 5th Missouri Cavalry, and died in hospital at Waynesville, Mo., June 11, 1863.

Lieut. Charles[7] Bent, son of preceding, enlisted June, 1864, as a private in 140th Ill. Infantry, and served until Oct. 29, 1864. Feb. 2, 1865, he re-enlisted in 147th Ill. Infantry, and served as Sergeant, First Sergeant and Second Lieut. until close of the war.

George R.[7] Bent, half-brother of the preceding, saw service in Co. F, 93d Ill. Infantry.

John A.[8] Bent enlisted May 4, 1861, in Co. I, 5th Maine Infantry and afterwards in 4th Reg. Cavalry, Regular Army.

Orrin[8] Bent, brother of the preceding, served as private in 1st and 17th Maine Infantry.

James W.[8] Bent, of Boscawen, N. H., enlisted Oct. 4, 1861, in 2d Reg., Berdan's U. S. Sharpshooters, and served until the close of the war.

David P.[8] Bent, of Marshfield, Vt., enlisted Sept. 1, 1861, in the 4th Vermont Vols., and died at Washington, D. C., May 19, 1862.

THE FAMILY IN PEACE.

COLLEGE GRADUATES.

Josiah[7] Bent, Harvard, 1822; clergyman.
Nathaniel Tucker[7] Bent, Harvard, 1831; clergyman.
Joseph Avery[6] Bent, Middlebury (Vt.), 1845; clergyman.
George[6] Bent, Knox (Ill.), 1849; clergyman and judge.
James McClelland[8] Bent, Georgetown (Ky.), 1860; clergyman.
Samuel Arthur[7] Bent, Yale, 1861; Harvard Law School, 1865.
Joseph Appleton[7] Bent, Yale, 1865; died in 1869.
George Conway[8] Bent, Harvard, 1866; business.
Thomas Armstrong[7] Bent, Yale, 1874; died in 1876.
Rufus Howard[7] Bent, University of Pennsylvania, 1878; clergyman.
Horatio Grimes[7] Bent, Illinois Wesleyan University, 1879; lawyer.
Emma Cutting[8] Bent, Smith, 1881.
Arthur Cleveland[9] Bent, Harvard, 1889; business.
Frederick Hendee[9] Bent, Harvard, 1889; business.
Felton[8] Bent, Williams, 1895; business.
Newell[9] Bent, Harvard, 1895; teacher.
Quincy[8] Bent, entered Williams in 1897.
James S.[9] Bent Jr., entered Harvard in 1899.

CLERGYMEN.

Josiah[7] Bent (1797–1839), Massachusetts; Orthodox.
Nathaniel Tucker[7] Bent (1810–1856), Massachusetts and Pennsylvania; Episcopal.
Joseph Avery[6] Bent (living), Vermont and Illinois; Orthodox.
George[6] Bent (living), Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska; Orthodox.
James McClelland[8] Bent (1841–1893), Kentucky; Baptist.
Rufus Howard[7] Bent (living), Pennsylvania and New Jersey, (now missionary to China); Presbyterian.
Joseph Fletcher[7] Bent (1806–1893), Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; Methodist.
George Washington[7] Bent (living), New York; Methodist.
Oren[7] Bent (1796–1848), Maine; Methodist.
Gilbert Ray[8] Bent (living), New England; Methodist.
Alton[8] Bent (living), Nova Scotia; Episcopal.

PHYSICIANS.

Stephen[6] Bent (1783–1822), New York.
Luke[6] Bent (1801–), Canada.
Hiram[7] Bent (1812–1891), Pennsylvania and New York.
Luther[7] Bent (1819–1878), Missouri.
Charles[7] Bent (living), Nova Scotia.
William Lovett[7] Bent (1798–), Nova Scotia.
William H.[8] Bent (living), Nova Scotia.
Gilbert W. W.[9] Bent (1867–1896), Massachusetts.
James T.[8] Bent (1838–1895), Newfoundland.

LAWYERS.

Silas[7] Bent (1768–1827), St. Louis, Mo.
John[7] Bent (1803–1845), St. Louis, Mo.
S. Arthur[7] Bent (living, but not practising), Boston, Mass.
William H.[8] Bent (living), Lowell, Mass.
George C.[8] Bent (living), Boston, Mass.
Horatio G.[8] Bent (living), Bloomington, Ill.
Frederic W.[7] Bent (living, but not practising), Cincinnati, O.
Charles H.[7] Bent (1838–1896), Oswego, Kan.

POLITICAL STATISTICS.

Members of State Legislatures, Etc.

Charles[7] Bent, first Governor of New Mexico.

Silas[6] Bent, judge of Supreme Court of Missouri Territory, 1813–1821.
George[6] Bent, judge of Sherman County, Neb., 1892–1896.
Horatio Nelson[7] Bent, judge of probate, Burlington, Kansas, 1862–1868.

Peter[4] Bent, of Marlboro', member of all three Provincial Congresses of Massachusetts, in 1774 and 1775.

Charles[7] Bent, Illinois State Senate, 1879–1883.

Capt. Joseph[4] Bent of Milton,	Massachusetts Legislature,		1753
Peter[4] Bent of Marlboro',	"	"	1771–1775
Capt. Joel[5] Bent of Barre,	"	"	1801–1804
Newell[6] Bent of Cambridge,	"	"	1824–1826
Adam[6] Bent of Boston,	"	"	1828–1831
Charles[6] Bent of Chelmsford,	"	"	1832–1834
Josiah[6] Bent of Milton,	"	"	1833
John[7] Bent of Carver,	"	"	1835–1836

Ebenezer[6] Bent of Quincy,	Massachusetts Legislature,		1840
James M.[7] Bent of Wayland,	"	"	1857
John[7] Bent of Chelsea,	"	"	1858–1859
A. Allen[7] Bent of Gardner,	"	"	1866
William H[8] Bent of Wayland,	"	"	1875
Myron W.[8] Bent of Wayland,	"	"	1878
George C.[8] Bent of Cambridge,	"	"	1884–1886
Roderic L.[7] Bent of Gardner,	"	"	1884–1885
Maj. David J[6] Bent,	Maine	"	1826–1827
(afterwards in Pennsylvania Legislature).			
John[7] Bent,	Missouri	"	1828
Bartlett[8] Bent,	Connecticut Legislature,		1862
(afterwards mayor and postmaster of Middletown, Conn.).			
Charles D.[8] Bent,	Connecticut Legislature.		1899
Curtis R.[8] Bent,	Iowa	"	1868–1869
Charles H.[7] Bent,	Kansas, 1867; Colorado,		1893–1894

NONOGENARIANS.

Peter[4] Bent, d. in Marlboro', Mass., in 1798, æ. 91.
Mrs. Mary Bent, widow of preceding, d. in 1803, æ. 93.
Mrs. Abigail (Stone) Bent, d. in Framingham, Mass., in 1814, æ. 90.
Mrs. Sarah[4] (Bent) Vose, d. in Milton, Mass., in 1802, æ. 92.
Mrs. Mary[5] (Bent) Fay, d. ——— ———, in 1831, æ. 94.
Mrs. Patience[5] (Bent) Newton, d. in Southboro,' Mass., in 1837, æ. 96.
Sarah[5] Bent, d. in Milton, Mass., in 1846, æ. 95.
Mrs. Abigail (Bruce) Bent, d. in Wayland, Mass., 1845, æ. 90.
Mrs. Phebe (Whittemore) Bent, d. in ——— ———, 1848, æ. 91.
Mrs. Ruth (Pratt) Bent, d. in Fitzwilliam, N. H., in 1872, æ. 90.
Mrs. Susan[6] (Bent) Oakes, d. in Little Hocking, O., in 1865, æ. 94.
Mrs. Polly (Coolidge) Bent, d. in Wayland, Mass., in 1878, æ. 90.
John[6] Bent, d. in Middleboro', Mass., in 1853, æ. 90.
William[6] Bent, brother of preceding, d. in Paris, Me., in 1858, æ. 91.
Mrs. Hannah[6] (Bent) McAllan, d. in River Philip, N. S., in 1869, æ. 91.
Mrs. Elizabeth[6] (Bent) Farrington, d. in Dedham, Mass., in 1857, æ. 90.
John[6] Bent, d. in Dedham, Mass., in 1873, æ. 94.
Mrs. Ilona[7] (Bent) Van Vechten, d. in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1896, æ. 90.
Mrs. Betsey (Phippen) Bent, d. in Antwerp, N. Y., in 1894, æ. 92.
Mrs. Mercy (McFarlin) Bent, d. in Carver, Mass., in 1887, æ. 90.
Mrs. Hannah P. (Savery) Bent, d. in Flushing, L. I., in 1892, æ. 93.
Mrs. Abigail (Shaw) Bent, d in Port Chester, N. Y., in 1897, æ. 90.
James V.[7] Bent, d. in Wolfville, N. S., in 1893, æ. 92.
Mrs. Eunice[7] (Bent) Ruggles, d. in Dorchester, Mass., in 1893, æ. 91.
Mrs. Huldah (White) Bent, d. in Maugerville, N. S., in 1872, æ. 92.
Mrs. Mary A.[7] (Bent) Adams, d. in Milton, Mass., in 1885, æ. 90.

The above list is doubtless incomplete. Of the twenty-six names it will be noticed that only five were men, and that only one in the entire list was unmarried. The oldest *living* member of the family is probably Miss Sarah Ashton[7] Bent of Quincy, æ. 89.

MIDDLE NAMES BEFORE 1800.

			After whom named.
Ebenezer Vose[6] Bent,	b. Nova Scotia,	1771.	Mother's brother.
Elizabeth Clough[6] Bent,	b. Mass.,	1774.	Maternal grandmother.
Hannah Waldo[6] Bent,	b. "	1779.	
Daniel Wyman[6] Bent,	b. "	1781.	Maternal grandfather.
Samuel Browning[6] Bent,	b. "	1784.	Mother's brother.
William Hunt[6] Bent,	b. N. H.,	1785.	Maternal grandfather.
David Jackson[6] Bent,	b. Mass.,	1787.	Mother's brother-in-law.
George Washington[6] Bent,	b. Vt.,	1790.	National hero.
Calvin Gay[7] Bent,	b. N. S.,	1791.	Neighbor of parents.
Earl Francis[6] Bent,	b. Vt.,	1794.	Earl for maternal grandmother, and Francis for mother's brother-in-law, Francis Flagg.
Silas Proctor[6] Bent,	b. Vt.,	1794.	Neighbor of parents.
Mary Ann[7] Bent,	b. Mass.,	1795.	
Eunice Conviss[7] Bent,	b. N. S.,	1796.	Friend of the family.
Eliza Lewis[7] Bent,	b. Va.,	1797.	Mother's sister.
Joel Hayward[6] Bent,	b. Mass.,	1797.	
Thomas W.[6] Bent,	b. Vt.,	1798.	
William Lovett[7] Bent,	b. N. S.,	1798.	Mother's brother.
Elizabeth Sprague[7] Bent,	b. "	1798.	Maternal grandmother.
Horatio Gates[6] Bent,	b. Mass.,	1799.	National hero.
Samuel Glover[7] Bent,	b. "	1799.	Mother's brother.
Catherine Amelia[7] Bent,	b. "	1799.	
William Freeman[7] Bent,	b. N. S.,	1799.	Mother's brother.
Israel Longley[7] Bent,	b. "	1799.	Maternal grandfather.

PETER BENT BRIGHAM.

PETER BENT BRIGHAM was born at Bakersfield, Vt., on the 4th of February, 1807. His father was Uriah Brigham (1757–1818) and his mother was Elizabeth, daughter of Josiah Fay.* His father died leaving several children wholly dependent upon their mother and their own exertions for their support. At that time the subject of this memoir was in his early youth. Like many of our foremost citizens the boy set forth from his home without money, friends, or influence to seek his fortune.

Experience teaches us that, with few exceptions, men retain their general characteristics throughout life. It is often said that the child is father to the man, and we watch the beginning as prophetic of the future career. But the converse is no less true, for the developed character of mature manhood throws a light upon the acts and efforts of childhood and youth. And so in this case. The fortitude, the indomitable self-reliance, the patience, vigor, and integrity of the prominent and successful citizen of Boston were the same which guided the young country lad as he set out from his home through a comparative wilderness for a distant city, that he might relieve his widowed mother from the care and expense of his support and gain for himself a name and a fortune.

The first part of his journey was on the back of an old broken-down horse, with saddle-bags containing his food and scant apparel. Long before he reached his destination the horse became useless and he made his way on foot, and by working on a Middlesex Canal boat, to Boston. By assiduous and persevering labor in various occupations, chiefly in the fish and oyster business, he accumulated a little money, and by judicious use of what he had gained he acquired enough to lease the prominent restaurant known as Concert Hall, in Court street, with which for many years he was identified. But his chief success was in the careful purchase of real estate, and in these transactions it is believed that never, in a single instance, did his judgment fail him. At the time of his death his fortune, after deducting all liabilities, was estimated at about $1,000,000.

* Elizabeth Fay was the daughter of Josiah Fay and Mary Bent, who were married in Southboro', March 22, 1758. (See p. 23).

Mr. Brigham never sought public office, but was deeply interested in his adopted home, and in a quiet and unostentatious way did much to promote the welfare of the city of Boston. He might easily have had an office in any branch of the municipal government, for which in many respects he was peculiarly fitted, but he preferred to help in his private capacity. As an experienced dealer in real estate his judgment was often sought by the city officers, and especially on important questions of street widening and similar improvements it was found to be of great value. He was one of the original directors of the Fitchburg Railroad Company, and continued in office up to the time of his death. To that corporation he gave very much of his valuable time and thought, always ready to labor for its interests without favor or reward.

His habits of life were most regular. Careful as to food, and a total abstainer from spirituous liquors and tobacco, he was enabled to preserve a robust health, so necessary in the arduous labors upon which he had entered. His great success in business was, in a measure, owing to his cordial manners proceeding from a genuine kindness of heart. It was not his method to scatter money here and there and thus to relieve his conscience, but he sought out those who were not only in need, but ready to help themselves, and with his advice and assistance, and perhaps a small expenditure where absolutely necessary, there were many who owed their relief from poverty to him. His sympathy for his fellowmen was especially illustrated in his anti-slavery sentiments and the gentle kindness which he ever showed to the negro race. He was constant in his endeavors to aid them in obtaining employment and to relieve the distress of those as to whom it was clear to him that relief was necessary. Among his papers after his death were found two cancelled wills, of dates prior to 1862, by which he gave the bulk of his estate for the emancipation of slaves.

He often lamented his want of a liberal education, which he could not have obtained on account of the necessities of his situation. Appreciating fully its importance he provided by his will a large endowment for the erection and maintenance of an academy in his native town of Bakersfield. This academy is now a most prosperous institution, and has been a great blessing to the town and its neighborhood. The number of its students at present is over one hundred, and bids fair to considerably increase. Liberal provision was also made by his will for the care and improvement of the cemetery in his native town.

Mr. Brigham has no issue, having never married, and the careful thought which he gave to the disposition of his estate was characteristic. It was his firm belief that it was far better for any man with health and strength to earn his own living, and that inherited money

would be a hindrance rather than a benefit. He therefore was not willing to make provision in his will for the males among his kindred who were able to earn their own support. But for two of them who were disabled, and for his nieces, he made liberal provision, and also for his sister, Mrs. Sarah B. Jacobs, who still survives him, to whose industry and frugal care and affectionate solicitude for his welfare he was much indebted, who was his companion in his home, and to whom he was tenderly attached. The bulk of his large fortune, however, was devoted by his will to the establishment, after the expiration of twenty-five years from his death, of a hospital for the sick poor of his adopted city. Fourteen years have now elapsed and the estate in the hands of his executor has increased to a valuation of more than $2,000,000, and it is expected that in the remaining eleven years much more than another million will be added by accumulations, after payment of all annuities with which it is charged.

A most noble and well directed charity indeed, and it will remain as a perpetual monument to its generous founder in the relief of what seems to be the sum of human suffering—poverty and sickness combined. And when we consider this beneficent disposition of his property at the last, and the testamentary provision which at different times he had made for suffering slaves, may we not well think and believe that in those long years of patient toil in gathering his fortune this benevolent donor had, all the while, a fixed purpose known only to himself, of using his life and strength for the welfare of his fellowmen?

After a well-rounded life of remarkable energy and activity, guided by rules of strict integrity, on the 24th day of May, 1877, Peter Bent Brigham calmly and bravely laid himself down to die in his own home in Boston, at the allotted age of three score years and ten. The monument over his grave in Mt. Auburn well says "An honest man here lies at rest."

The above memoir (originally printed in 1891) was kindly furnished by Mr. Robert Codman, executor of the estate.

THE NAME IN STORY.

"Miss Bent or at His Footstool," an Episcopalian book "on the Litany and the Occasional Prayers and Thanksgivings," by Mrs. F. Burge Smith, was published in 1881, in New York (256 pages).

In the Thanksgiving number of the Youth's Companion, Nov. 24, 1892, was an illustrated Thanksgiving story by Majorie Richardson. The principal characters are Tommy Bent, his Aunt Eunice and Peter Bent, and the scene is in Middlesex county, all of which point to the author's knowing something of the Bents.

A short story, "A Valedictory," by "M. E. W.," in the Boston Sunday Herald of June 23, 1895, has, for its scene, Bent Hall in a college endowed by Peter Bent.

BENTS IN ENGLAND AND ELSEWHERE.

The Bents are widely scattered. In England there seem to be three distinct families, originating, says Rev. Frederick Chas. Bent of London, in Lancashire, Shropshire and Devonshire, and the Burkes give three coats-of-arms. The motto of one of these is worth remembering: "Nec temere nec timide" (neither rashly nor timidly).

Perhaps the best known of the modern English Bents is *James Theodore Bent*, F. S. A., of London, the distinguished archæologist, who died May 5, 1897, just after his return from Arabia. He was the author of several interesting and valuable books upon his travels in Genoa, San Marino, the Islands of the Mediterranean, Persia, the interior of Southern Africa and Abyssina. Born in 1852, he graduated with honors from Wadham College, Oxford University in 1875, and soon after went to live in the little republic of San Marino. This resulted in his first book, published in 1879.

The Illustrated London News of May 15, 1897, said of him: "Though he was only forty-five years of age, he had made himself famous as an intrepid traveller and as an archæologist of great

taste and resource. * * * * In 1877 he married Mabel, daughter of the late Mr. Robert Westley Hall-Dare, D. L. With her he began at once his long course of travels, on which he was assisted by his proficiency as a linguist. * * * Last November they visited the Island of Sokotra. On their return they visited portions of the surrounding country quite unknown to Europeans, and unfortunately caught malarial fever. Recovering, they stopped on the way home a few days at Marseilles, where he caught a cold which brought a return of the fever, complicated with pneumonia, from which he could not rally. A wanderer for twenty years, he came home at last only to die."

A list of his publications follows:

A Freak of Freedom on the Republic of San Marino. Illus. 271 pages, 1879.

Genoa: How the Republic Rose and Fell. Illus. 420 pages. 1881.

Life of Giuseppe Garibaldi. 313 pages. 1881.

The Cyclades or Life among the Insular Greeks. 501 pages. 1885.

A Scholastic Island, a six-page article in MacMillan's Magazine for October, 1889, treats of Chalki, one of Princes Islands in the Sea of Marmora.

The Ruined Cities of Mashonaland, a record of excavation and exploration in the interior of Southern Africa in 1891. Illus. 376 pages. 1892. Portraits of the author and his wife.

The Sacred City of the Ethiopians: a record of a visit to Aksum in Abyssinia in 1893. 309 pages.

Early Voyages and Travels in the Levant, being the Diaries of Master Thomas Dallam and Dr. John Covel. Edited by J. T. Bent, 1893. 305 pages.

Arabia; the Hadramut Valley: in the Nineteenth Century for September, 1894.

Muscat: in the Living Age, January 18, 1896.

Italians in Abyssinia: in Fortnightly Review for September, 1896.

Northern Sudan: in the Geographical Journal for October, 1896.

The Dervish Frontier: in the Nineteenth Century for October, 1896.

Travels among the Armenians: Contemporary Review for November, 1896.

J. Theodore Bent's father, James Bent, was a magistrate in Yorkshire, while his uncle, Sir John Bent, who died in 1857, was mayor of Liverpool in 1850. They are descended from Hamlet Bent (1642–1728), son of Lawrence Bent (died 1670, aged 96), of Bentlanes, near Eccles, some four miles west of Manchester.

In Manchester Cathedral is the tomb of Edward Bent of Korsall,

Gentleman, who died 1719. In Manchester in 1890 was a James Bent, Superintendent of County Constabulary, besides several others of the name.

John Bent of Wrexham, Buckinghamshire, born in 1782, son of Rev. Geo. Bent, by his wife Mary, daughter of John Milton of Bristol, entered the British army as an ensign and retired as major in 1831.

Among the gentry of Sussex in 1855 was Gibbs Francis Bent of Oat Hall, Lindfield. Near by was a Hotel Bent Arms, "delightfully situated on the summit of a hill."

Rev. Frederick Chas. Bent, in 1889, speaks of a Col. Bent of the Royal Engineers; of a Bent, Chief Constable of Exeter; a Bent, Inspector of Police, and Rev. J. A. Bent of Woolwich.

Lieut.-Gen. George Bent, C. B., R. E., died at his residence at Sydenham, Eng., Dec. 27, 1897, aged 77. He was a son of the late Colonel Bent, R. A., and entered the Royal Engineers in 1838, was with the Turkish army on the Danube from June to December, 1854, and from January, 1855, served at the siege and fall of Sevastopol, being for the last six months of the time director of the left attack.

The will of Anne Parris of Islington, Eng., wife of Thomas Parris of the Island of Barbadoes, bequeaths £50 in 1665 to her "loving cousin Thomas Bent, citizen and merchant taylor of London." This Thomas Parris appears to be the father of Rev. Samuel Parris of witchcraft fame. The latter's daughter married Peter Bent of Sudbury.

In Amsterdam, in the 17th century, lived a John van der Bent (1650–1690), who attained some celebrity as a landscape painter, and the name van der Bent is still found in Holland. There are even two in Amsterdam with the "van der" left off.

In Paris (1899) is an L. I. Bent, while in southern France, at Toulouse, Henry Bent, with his brothers and sisters, are engaged in the manufacture of church ornaments, vestments and jewelry, an industry carried on by their father and grandfather. The story is told by a brother, Rev. Charles Bent, honorary canon, curate of the parish of Notre-Dame-des-Victoires, Algiers, Africa, who writes (November, 1893): "Our father died eight years ago, aged 75. He was the last of a numerous family. Our grandfather died in 1833, aged about 75. The grandfather was saved while very young from a fire, and adopted into a family named Barateau, of Toulouse, manufacturers of church ornaments. He was brought up by this family and married the daughter of the house."

R. M. Bent, of New York, whose father came from near Liverpool, says three of his father's brothers entered the English army, two dying in the Indies and one becoming paymaster-general in the East India service.

The 1893 Melbourne (Australia) directory gives seven Bents, including an Hon. Thomas Bent.

Ellis Bent (son of Robert Bent of England) was Judge Advocate and sole judicial officer of New South Wales early in the 19th century, and gave the colony its first legal constitution. In 1814 his brother, Jeffery Hart Bent, was sent out as Chief Justice. Upon the former's death the latter returned to England in 1817. About 1820 he was appointed Chief Justice of Grenada, where he remained most of the time, until 1836, when he was transferred to British Guiana (South America), where he was still located at the time of his death in 1852. Chief Justice Bent was uncle to the Right Rev. Robert Bent Knox, D. D., bishop of Down, Connor and Dromore.

Samuel Bent, who was born in Sweden in 1814 and died in Lowell, Mass., in 1843, was without doubt a descendant of John Bent of Sudbury, Mass., 1638 (see page 252).

COATS-OF-ARMS.

The three coats-of-arms described in Sir Bernard Burke's "General Armory of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales" (1884), are as follows:

Bent of Basford House, Staffordshire, formerly from Lancashire: coat-of-arms,—azure on fesse or, between six besants three torteux. Crest—a demi-lion azure holding between his paws a bezant. Motto—nec temere nec timide.

Bent of Wrexham Lodge, Buckinghamshire, originally from Devonshire: coat-of-arms—per pale azure and gules on a fesse engrailed or, between six besants, a lion's head erased of the second between two annulets of the first. Crest—a demi-lion rampant per fesse azure and gules gorged with a collar indented and holding between the paws a bull's head cabossed or. Motto—Tutamen Deus. This coat-of-arms is the result of a combination of some other with the preceding.

Of the third coat-of-arms no details are given. The description is short and simple—gules, a fret or. Perhaps this belonged to the Shropshire family referred to by Rev. F. C. Bent of London.

It is almost needless to add that none of the American Bents are entitled to coat armor, which is entirely foreign to American ideas and institutions.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS.

Sarah[5] Bent, dau. of John[4] Bent (see bottom of page 30), d. in Canton, Mass., Jan. 18, 1829, æ. 85; she m. Nov. 21, 1770, Henry Bailey Withington, who was born in Stoughton, Aug. 4, 1743, son of Edward and Hannah. They had six children: 1. Noah, b. 1771. 2. Elijah, b. 1775. 3. Henry, b. 1777. 4. Mary, b. 1779. 5. Samuel, b. 1783. 6. Sarah, b. 1785.

Sarah[5] Bent, dau. of Ebenezer[4] Bent (see middle of page 31), d. unm. in Milton, Mass., Oct. 23, 1846, æ. 95.

Mary[5] Bent, sister of Sarah preceding, and widow of Samuel Newcomb, d. in what is now Quincy, at great age.

David[5] Bent (page 39). Omit what is given about his Revolutionary service.

Thomas[7] Bent (page 66), b. April, 1845. Add middle name, Armstrong.

Silas[6] Bent (page 69), d. Sept. 1849.

Capt. William[6] Bent (page 70), was the first of the family to live in Cochituate village.

Charles Hammond[7] Bent (Thomas W.,[6] David,[5] David,[4] David,[3] John,[2] John[1]) [see page 76] was born in Croghan, N. Y., Sept. 18, 1838, and died in hospital at Denver, Colo., Dec. 28, 1896, æ. 58. He was educated in Lowville Academy and Antwerp Institute, where he studied law. After teaching school in Tazewell Co., Ill., in the winter of 1862–63, he moved to Colorado, but after two years returned to New York. In 1865 he located in what is now Labette County (Kansas), which he represented in the state legislature in 1867. The same year he was admitted to the bar. In the succeeding years he was county attorney, and for five successive years police judge in Oswego, Kan. In 1877 he moved to Hinsdale County, Colorado, where he was engaged in mining for the rest of his life, except when attending to his duties as county commissioner (four years) and representative to the legislature (in 1893–94).

He m. in Oswego, Kan., Dec. 23, 1868, Jennie, dau. of William H. and Sarah M. Carr. Mrs. Bent is living with her children at Antelope Springs, near Lake City, in the mountains of Colorado.

Children, i. to iv. b. in Oswego, Kan.; v. in Sherman, Colo.:

i. MAY, b. May 12, 1870; d. July 31, 1872.
ii. ERNEST C., b. March 2, 1872; d. Jan. 2, 1873.
iii. HERBERT CARR, b. Aug. 16, 1873; living at Antelope Springs, Colo.; m. Oct. 30, 1898, Eva M. Morgan.
iv. EARL H., b. Aug. 20, 1876.
v. EDITH M., b. Feb. 24, 1882.

Gov. Charles[7] Bent of New Mexico (see pages 121 to 123) married Maria Ignacia Jaramilla, who was born April 15, 1815, and died April 13, 1883. They had two children who died in infancy. Their son Alfred[8] was born in 1837, not 1836. Their daughter Estefina[8], or Estefana, was born Aug. 3, 1839, and is living at St. Mary's, Colo., with her son Alfred Bent[9] Hicklen. She m. Oct. 15, 1856, Alexander Hicklen. The governor's younger daughter, Terisina,[8] was born Oct. 15, 1841, and is living in Taos, N. M. She mar. second in 1865, Aloys Scheurich, and had five children: 1. Charles Adolph[9] Scheurich, living in Santa Fe, N. M., where he is at present (1899) City Treasurer. 2. Lena Agnes Scheurich. 3. Albert Bent Scheurich, superintendent of a copper mine in Hanover, N. M. 4. Celestina Dora Scheurich. 5. Josephine Mercedes Scheurich.

Mary Catherine Bean (page 128) was born Dec. 23, 1846, at Rock Point, now a part of St. Louis.

Edward[7] Bent's wife, Harriet Amanda (page 130), was born in Tunbridge, Vt., Feb. 5, 1819.

Lincoln Goodale[7] Bent (see page 132) m. about 1841 Mary A. Kirts, a native of Maryland, who d. in Wabash, Ind., Dec. 1895. She was a dau. of Michael and Elizabeth Kirts of Marion County, Ohio.

Children:

i. SARAH J.,[8] d. young.
ii. EMMA A., b. May 4, 1844; living in Wabash, Ind.; m. John B. Ridenour, who d. about 1894; three children: 1. *Margaret.* 2. *Amos.* 3. *Ira.*
iii. GEORGE K., b. Dec. 9, 1845; d. May 17, 1898; m. Mary E. Burns, who is living in San Angelo, Texas; five children: 1. *Rose,*[9] m. James Langdon. 2. *Hugh.* 3. *Albert.* 4. *George.* 5. *Margaret.*
iv. MARY ELLEN, d. about 1889; m. George Ridenour, who is living in Texas; six children.
v. WILLIAM H., b. Sept. 5, 1849; living in Wabash, Ind.; m. Aug. 28, 1873, Augusta Pearson; seven children: 1. *Walter S.,*[9]

b. Aug. 24, 1874. 2. *Wilber E.*, b. Dec. 19, 1875. 3. *Lucy M.*, b. Aug. 10, 1877. 4. *Frank H.*, saw service in Co. D, 160th Indiana Infantry, in war with Spain. 5. *Ethel A.*, b. April 25, 1885. 6. *Ruth A.*, b. May 28, 1888. 7. *Hazel F.*, b. Jan. 15, 1890.

vi. LUCY A., living in Sabetha, Kan.; m. Walter Brown; three children.

vii. ALBERT D., living in Peru, Ind.; m. Rebecca Weesner; two children: 1. *Effie.* 2. ——.

viii. AMOS R., m. Luella Sullivan; three children: 1. *Clarence.* 2. *Edith.* 3. *Florence.*

ix. ROENA C., living at Choctaw, Oklahoma Territory; m. Emmett McErvin; two children: 1. *Paul.* 2. *Marie.*

x. MARTHA E., living in Wabash, Ind.; m. Daniel Cooper; three children: 1. *Clinton.* 2. *Hazel.* 3. *Howard.*

xi. ANNA L., living in Rich Valley, Ind.; m. Henry Davis; four children: 1. *Murel.* 2. *Lola.* 3. *Harry.* 4. *Harley.*

xii. PHEBE M., d. in 1864.

David[6] Bent, son of Asaph[7] (see page 137), died at Forest Glen, N. S., in the summer of 1895. His widow is living at Stronach Mountain, N. S. They had five children: 1. Ruth, m. Lamont Stronach. 2. George Leason, b. May 13, 1872; has lived in Philadelphia since October, 1897; m. Oct. 31, 1899, Elizabeth J., daughter of William J. and Catherine (Logan) Lowery of Boston. 3. Lillian. 4. Parker. 5. Sarah.

Susan[6] Bent, daughter of Asaph[7], died in 1897, but her husband is living at Stronach Mountain, Annapolis County, N. S. Three children.

Ruth[6] Bent, daughter of Asaph,[7] is living at Nobscot, Framingham, Mass.

David Parker[6] Bent, son of Rufus[7] Bent (see page 137), was never married.

Mary Amelia[6] Bent (see top of page 138) died May 11, 1895.

William (S.)[6] Bent, son of Phineas L.[7] (p. 139), has two sons, William Golding (b. Jan. 1, 1876) and George Moulton (b. Oct. 29, 1877); both born in Chelsea.

Thomas[7] Bent (see page 163) established his business, the Globe Iron Foundry, in 1843, and retired, a rheumatic invalid, ten years before his death. His widow, a native of Carver, Mass., d. in Port Chester, N. Y., April 16, 1897, æ. 90.

Children, ii. b. in Albany, N. Y.; iii. b. in Jersey City, N. J.; iv. in New York City:

i. CHARLES HENRY,[8] b. 1829; d. 1830.

ii. SAMUEL SHAW, b. 1830.

iii. ELIZABETH MURDOCK, b. June 19, 1838; living in Port Chester, N. Y.; m. March 29, 1865, Lewis Tours of Port Chester, N. Y., who d. about 1878. Only two of their five children survived infancy: 1. *Jessie May*[9] *Tours*. 2. *Florence Adele Tours*, m. Oct. 1898, Clarence Scott of Greenwich, Conn.

iv. ABBY SHAW, b. April 9, 1846; d. June 9, 1876; m. April 24, 1867, James W. Finley. One child, *A. Delgardo*[9] *Finley*, b. March, 1868, living in Glenville, Conn.

George (F.)[8] Bent, b. 1853, son of Edmund[7] and Sarah (see page 197), is living in Lynn, Mass., where he m. Dec. 5, 1877, Addie E. Varney, a native of Berwick, Me., dau. of Cyrus and Hannah Varney. Children, b. in Lynn: 1. Ralph Milton, b. March 26, 1880. 2. George Harold, b. May 27, 1887; and others.

Charles (E.)[8] Bent, son of Daniel[7] (page 200), d. in Chelsea, Mass., March 22, 1892, æ. 35 yrs., 5 mos., 16 days.

George[7] Bent (page 200), m. first, Nov. 27, 1823, Hannah Colburn.

The widow of George Starratt[8] Bent (see top of page 214) died Oct. 3, 1898. Their eldest daughter is living on the old farm at Belleisle, N. S. The second daughter, Amanda S., is living at Belleisle and has four children: Wilder, Ralph, Mary and Elson. The third daughter, Laura J., is living at Mt. Hanley, Annapolis County, N. S. The fourth daughter is living in Upper Granville, N. S., and has no children. The youngest daughter, Clara B., married John McCormick of Granville Centre, N. S.

David Parker[8] Bent (page 214), omit everything.

LAST SCENE OF ALL.

AROUSEMENT.

So many years the ripples of the bay
Had kissed the shore-set homes of old Pompeii,
So many morns the slow, sure-rising sun
Had brought the trivial tasks and seen them done,
So many level days and years so long
And still for patient toil or lilting song;
What if Vesuvius' shadow they forgot,
His fierce, hoarse threatenings heard nor heeded not?
Until his watchful, vengeful strength awoke
And o'er their helpless life his thunders broke.

As in Pompeiian time our years slip past,
Each sunlit day so like unto the last,
Each placid hour with small engrossing care
For food or raiment, moments full and fair;
Are we so short of sight as not to see
How broodeth o'er us a great mystery?
Till Death's gray shadow fall athwart our light
Or Love's quick voice speak through the tranquil night,
Till in some sudden, breathless, judgment hour
'Tis Life o'erwhelms us with resistless power.

FRANCES BENT DILLINGHAM.

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